



## **airpop is HBCD-free**

Dear Customer,

the recovery of EPS materials that contain HBCD is currently affected by uncertainty and misunderstandings. We therefore believe it necessary to provide clarification.

First of all, please note that the airopp (EPS) products supplied to you by us are HBCD-free.

We guarantee this.

HBCD, a flame retardant, was used in EPS insulation applications, among others, but this has been banned in Europe since 22/03/2016. Only these materials must be sent to the authorised waste-to-energy plants as of 01/10/2016. In this respect, airopp materials are not affected.

Some waste disposal companies are currently refusing to accept any airopp (EPS) materials, stating that it is not possible to differentiate packaging from insulation materials.

But this does not correspond to the facts!

The airopp (EPS) packaging materials requiring disposal are frequently clean moulded parts or strips that are easily identifiable by their shape as packaging material.

In contrast, insulation materials from construction and demolition waste, known as construction Styropor®, are visibly contaminated with residues of plaster, adhesive, and other construction materials.

Determining their origin is therefore easy and transparent. We will refer to these circumstances in appropriate correspondence to the waste disposal companies.

The recycling of airopp has been a well-established and highly eco-efficient process in Germany for many years, and is used to return this material back into the cycle. The recycling quota for airopp in Germany currently stands at 56 per cent, which is exemplary within Europe.

Should you have any further questions or requests, please contact us.

Best regards,

Markus Schedel

Important: Should you use any non-European EPS material for your products, then as the importer, you are responsible for ensuring its harmlessness with respect to HBCD.