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Dear Valued Customer,

Effective March 1st, 2015, Sherex will replace Yellow Hexavalent Chromate passivation (Cr6) with Yellow Trivalent Chromate passivation (Cr3). The transition from Hexavalent Cr6, "zinc yellow", to RoHS-compliant coatings has been an ongoing process in our industry for the last 10 years.

For Sherex, the final step of this transition is the elimination of Cr6 as our standard finish for yellow color. We will replace the yellow hexavalent Cr6 with the yellow trivalent Cr3. While others in our industry have switched to a standard trivalent yellow, Sherex has worked tirelessly with our plating vendors to find a solution that meets our strict corrosion standards without incurring additional cost for our customers. Sherex yellow Cr3 will exceed the plating performance specifications of the Cr6 finish, and will meet Sherex plating specification document SFS-01-001.

We will plate all NEW production parts with the Cr3 yellow finish starting March 1st. Therefore, the inventory conversion will happen throughout 2015 as inventory is replenished from NEW production.

Please find the attached Frequently Asked Questions document. Please contact us at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support of our efforts to go Green and eliminate Cr6!

Sincerely,

Adam Pratt

