

Sachsenheim, March 2020

Information on the current delivery situation

Dear Sirs,

the Corona virus has now spread worldwide from China and Europe is now on the official pandemic focus. The authorities in Germany have also reacted with drastic measures.

AUTRONIC, as well as the entire FORTEC Group, has initiated measures at an early stage to ensure the operation and supply security of our customers. Nevertheless, the current situation confronts us, as well as the entire industry, with unknown and unforeseeable challenges and difficulties.

We are working flat out to cope the constantly changing new situations and tasks with the aim of achieving the best possible and smooth supply. We are in close contact with our suppliers in Asia and other acutely affected risk areas and constantly re-evaluate the situation.

According to the information available to us, some of the producers of components have reopened their plants in China and resumed part of their production. Production lines in other affected areas worldwide are currently having to close due to the Corona situation (e.g. Indonesia and Malaysia) or run at reduced capacity only (e.g. in France).

Due to the restrictions in production by our suppliers and/or logistics both international and national, which will continue to exist in the future, there are sometimes delays or cancellations of deliveries. This has a direct impact on the supply situation and our ability to deliver to our customers, which is generally subject to our own supply reservation. The WHO and the national authorities classify the pandemic caused by the Corona virus as an international health emergency, which must be regarded as a case of force majeure.

From today's perspective, it must be assumed that, despite all the precautionary measures and efforts we have taken, it will not be possible for us to supply our customers without restrictions and that delays or bottlenecks may occur. Despite the extremely difficult and unforeseeable market conditions, we are making every effort to meet our customers wishes as far as possible. We are working to find solutions to compensate for the current situation in the best possible way and to avoid noticeable shifts. Since the current situation can only be assessed in a very short term and the extent of the overall situation for the coming weeks and months is very difficult to estimate, we ask you to take into account delivery delays and delivery bottlenecks of ordered goods and to include them in your planning.

If you have any questions, please contact the responsible colleagues in the sales department.

Yours faithfully

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