



March 1, 2021

Dear Mermet Customers:

Please accept this letter on behalf of our company as notification of Mermet's action in support of the recently-issued EPA ruling respecting the flame retardant chemical Decabromodiphenyl Ether ("Deca BDE"), affecting our Avila Twilight FR blackout roller shade fabric. Due to this EPA ruling, fabricated shades with Avila Twilight FR can no longer be produced in the United States after March 8, 2021. Therefore, effective March 8, 2021, Mermet intends to cease its distribution of Avila Twilight FR in the United States, until a new Deca BDE-free version of the fabric becomes available.

We encourage your company to familiarize itself with the EPA ruling, found at 40 CFR 751, and determine how the ruling may apply to your business.

Mermet recently requested that the EPA provide guidance on the March 8<sup>th</sup> ruling in order to allow Mermet to continue offering its customers the current version of Avila Twilight FR for a short time period while alternatives are developed. The outcome of this request, and any additional availability of the fabric will be announced as soon as it is available.

Mermet is already working closely with its Avila Twilight manufacturing affiliate to develop a new, Deca BDE-free version of the fabric, that meets or exceeds all chemical compliance requirements. We will keep you and your team closely posted of our progress, and have targeted mid-summer 2021 for a launch date of the new fabric.

We would be pleased to discuss this matter or answer any questions you or your colleagues may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Duerk".

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