

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag comments on the delivery of isopropanol and diethylamine to Syria**

In the context of the publications regarding the delivery of isopropanol and diethylamine by Brenntag Schweizerhall AG (Basel, Switzerland) to Syria, Brenntag clarifies that the delivery of both products was made in accordance with applicable law. Other Brenntag entities were not involved and were not contacted. Brenntag did not circumvent EU export restrictions. The Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) confirmed compliance with the export procedures to MPI before the delivery. In the follow-up (2018), SECO again comprehensively examined the case and found no misconduct.

In 2014, Brenntag Schweizerhall AG supplied the products isopropanol and diethylamine according to the specification of a well-known Swiss pharmaceutical manufacturer to MPI, a licensed company of the Swiss Pharma manufacturer, for the production of an analgesic.

Export restrictions are subject to regular amendments. Brenntag has a comprehensive export control system to ensure compliance with applicable national and international export regulations.

#### **About Brenntag:**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 580 locations in 76 countries and a workforce of more than 16,600 employees. In 2018, the company generated sales of EUR 12.6 billion (USD 14.8 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With more than 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 195,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling.

Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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