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To :All Our Valued Customers

Re :DISCONTINUE THE IDENTIFICATION COLOUR MARKING OF LB-52U

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to announce herewith that we are going to discontinue the identification color marking of LB-52U at the grip end of electrode, as shown below in pictures; as a honour to request and restriction based on regulation in Japan 『Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards due to Specified Chemical Substance』 for reducing cobalt(Co) which contains in BLUE color paint used for marking on our electrode.

This change is going to start at our plant in Japan October 2017 onward.  
Please be assured that imprint of electrode designation will remain unchanged.

&lt;Subject product&gt; :LB-52U

&lt;Appearance&gt;

[ Current Product ]



[ Changed Product ]



Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact your local supplier.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shunji Oki'.

Shunji Oki

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