

Accreditation and Food-Grade Declaration ViwateQ® Finishing Van Geenen B.V.

Van Geenen B.V. has obtained a license from ViwateQ International B.V. to perform ViwateQ® Finishing for internal use. Van Geenen B.V. physically treats the surface of a supplied machine (part), which may have direct or indirect contact with food, in such a way that it meets specific surface roughness criteria.

The ViwateQ® Finishing does not affect the composition of the treated AISI 304 (L), AISI 316 (L), or aluminum. During the treatment, a very thin layer of the surface is removed. After the treatment, the surface is thoroughly rinsed with water, and self-passivation occurs under the influence of oxygen from the air, resulting in a fully sealed chromium oxide layer on the surface.

The ViwateQ Group has a quality management system in place in which incoming materials as well as in- and outgoing registrations are documented, ensuring traceability. Van Geenen B.V. sources auxiliary materials exclusively from ViwateQ International B.V. ViwateQ International B.V. periodically monitors both the execution of the treatment and the quality management system.

Based on the license agreement, the use of identical auxiliary materials, and the periodic quality checks, ViwateQ International B.V. confirms that the ViwateQ® Finishing performed by Van Geenen B.V. is fully equivalent in quality and performance to the ViwateQ® Finishing carried out by ViwateQ Netherlands.

On this basis, ViwateQ International B.V. declares that the ViwateQ® Finishing complies with the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No. 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, and Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practices. The standard materials AISI 304 (L), AISI 316 (L), and aluminum show no differences in migration in the mentioned simulants, and in the absence of wear or degradation of the material, migration is expected to remain well below the specific release limits (SRLs).

Since these are almost always machine parts that will later be assembled into a machine at the customer site, ViwateQ International B.V. assumes that the material undergoes an initial cleaning before use, as powder residues may still be present on the surface. These residues consist of an inert silicate that can be easily rinsed off.

This declaration is issued on 21 January 2026 and is valid until 21 January 2027.

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