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Introduction of Temporary Carbon Dioxide Surcharge

Dear Customer.

I am writing to advise you that with the positive agreement between the Government and CF Fertilisers to continue production of carbon dioxide (CO₂) at its Billingham plant, there will be a substantial cost increase to BOC to purchase the raw material. To maintain customer supplies it is therefore necessary to introduce a temporary surcharge of £440 per tonne which equates to 44p per kilogram. This will be applied to all CO₂ containing cylinder orders effective Monday 1 November 2021. Please visit www.BOConline.co.uk/co2-surcharge for further details on how this will affect your prices. When you order cylinder gases online the exact surcharge amount for the items in your shopping cart will be shown under 'Energy and Environment Surcharge' in checkout before you place your order.

The Billingham plant is a considerable source of CO_2 for BOC and the broader UK and Ireland market. This facility continuing production is a significant positive step in securing the ongoing availability of CO_2 . While natural gas prices remain high this will have an impact on the cost of CO_2 increasing it substantially.

This surcharge will be in addition to any previous surcharges and will appear under 'Environment and Energy Surcharge' on your invoice. Please be aware that this surcharge will not cover all the extra costs BOC is incurring during this unprecedented situation. We endeavour to minimise the impact of cost rises to our customers and this situation will be reviewed regularly. Any future changes to the individual gas surchage amounts will be published on www.BOConline.co.uk/co2-surcharge.

I would like to assure you that we are doing everything within our control to manage the situation and are making every effort to prevent any disruption to supplies. BOC regrets having to take this action and the inconvenience that this may cause you.

Yours faithfully,

Jon Black

Director, Industrial Products