

Mailwisseling tussen Paulus Houthuijs en woordvoerder Susanne Schorn (Ampleon) van 25 januari 2023:

Dear Mr. Houthuijs,

As per our previous communication, we would like to emphasize that Ampleon is a privately owned company and as such we normally do not comment on any business specifics. However, we regret that the topic you brought forward is a reality, a worldwide industry issue. It is unfortunate that despite all the measures companies take to comply with all laws and regulations, it seems to be very difficult to avoid this within the global industry. A final remark we would like to make is that none of Ampleon's products have been designed for the purpose indicated in your email and material you are referring to. Our answers are provided in green:

- What is your response to these findings?

Did Ampleon sell semiconductors to Sigma after the 24th of February 2022? If yes, is this ongoing, and why?

Ampleon is not engaged and has never been engaged with the company Sigma directly or indirectly, which is validated based on PoA (Ampleon sales to its Distributor) and PoS data (Distributor sales to its end user).

- If not: how did Sigma acquire these Ampleon products?

We are not able to verify how Sigma should have obtained any Ampleon products as Sigma is neither a direct nor an indirect customer (see also the answer above). Please share more information which you have at hand so that we can investigate this case further, e.g. a photo of the product or a product reference data.

- What is your company policy for dealing, either direct or indirect, with Russian end users? Do you directly ship to Russia, or does this go through official suppliers?

Since our establishment we have not dealt directly with Russia or Russian end-users. Before February 24, 2022, this business was conducted via an authorized distributor. Effectively as of February 24, 2022, we have an explicit agreement with our distributor not to do any business with Russia, in line with the export control regulations. And as such, we have stopped all Russia related shipments via our authorized distributor.

- Did you stop contracts with one or more of your suppliers because of dealings with Russian clients?

Indeed, directly after the announcement of the Russia export control regulation (as triggered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine), we have stopped all Russia related shipments via our authorized distributor.

- Which actions did Ampleon take action to prevent shipments of microchips going to Russia, where they might end up in weapons for the military?

Ampleon executes its shipments in accordance with applicable export control laws and regulations; for each order to be shipped this is a critical element in order to ensure compliancy with applicable export laws and regulations. This includes the verification from a PoS point of view, i.e. linked to the end user. For designated products directly linked to Russia, this effectively means that we are not selling / shipping any products to our distributor, effective as of February 24, 2022.

- Ampleon has different production locations worldwide. What regulations do they follow for the export of their produced semiconductors: the local one, or everywhere the US or EU, or other standards?

Ampleon is a Dutch company, therefore, for all shipments it means that they are executed in accordance with applicable export control laws and regulations, such as - but not limited to - the U.S. Export Administration Regulations, European Union and Asia Pacific export control laws and regulations. This is irrespective of the location from where the products are shipped.