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### **OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM (OCS)**

RIALTI S.p.A. commitment to prevent the dispersion of granules, flakes and dusts into the environment.

Starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, RIALTI S.p.A. has become official **partner** of the **OCS** program.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP is an international program launched to prevent the unintended dispersion of granules, flakes and dusts into the environment during the production, transportation or storage operations.

RIALTI S.p.A., coherent with its willingness to operate according to the most commonly recognised ethical values and with its deep awareness of environment-related issues, has accepted the invitation of the association *Clean Sea Life* (<http://cleansealife.it>) to deepen the project established by:

#### **Operation Clean Sweep®.**

*'Plastic is no biodegradable material, yet when exposed to sunlight it slowly decomposes into small fragments. Less evident than the contamination by larger objects, microplastics pollution can be far more subtle, being this tiny particles misconceived by animals with food and consequently ingested by fishes, molluscs and crustaceans, causing them severe tissue damages which lead most of the times to death.'*

*'8 million tonnes of plastic are annually dumped into the oceans, slight more than a half of this amount coming from households, plastic industries remain anyway important contributors to the pollution.'*

Having understood the environmental and economic impact of the dispersion of microplastics into the environment, RIALTI S.p.A has embraced the project and created an internal audit system to reduce the dispersion of granules, flakes and dusts. This includes a dedicated check-list for each process phase, with the aim of highlighting its critical points.

RIALTI S.p.A has implemented new prevention measures in addition to the existing ones, engaging itself in create awareness about this severe environmental issue among its employees, providing each division with information and the suitable tools to prevent and collect granules, flakes and dusts dispersion.

RIALTI S.p.A. contributions, beside the efforts required by quality certification systems, will be the following:

- Promote the Operation Clean Sweep® to its customers and suppliers
- Manage the audit guide lines periodically
- Keep track and evaluate the operational procedures

*For further information, please visit the OCS Europe web-site:*

<http://www.opcleansweep.eu/partners/>

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