

Announcement

Statement on behalf of agency in China From ERHARD GmbH & Co. KG

ERHARD was founded in 1871. With a long history of more than 140 years experiences of manufacturing water valves, ERHARD is a famous brand in Europe, one of the biggest valve manufacturers in the water and sewage industry in Germany. Now ERHARD belongs to the TALIS Management Holding GmbH (TALIS Group).

In 2012, TALIS Group set up a wholly-owned subsidiary -- Talis-Erhard (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd. which is the only representative office in the Greater China region.

ERHARD once sold products in China market via a sales agent, this agent transliterated "ERHARD" into a Chinese name "爱合德" ("Ai He De"), whose pronunciation sounds like „ERHARD“. In June 2006, ERHARD terminated all cooperation with this agency. In 2014, ERHARD adopted an officially Chinese name "易华德" ("Yi Hua De") in China market.

In view of few companies in China who fabricated the relations with ERHARD and took advantage of ERHARD's brand effect and market influence, ERHARD hereby declare solemnly as follows:

1. So far in China, ERHARD has not had any form of sole investment or joint-venture production plant, nor delegated any Chinese factories for processing, labeling or assembling, nor allowed any form of technology transfer or licensing.
2. Valves with ERHARD brand are all produced by Erhard Germany plants in Europe, all products can be delivered with certificate of origin issued by the respective Chamber of Commerce (Germany)
3. Talis-Erhard (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd. is the only representative office in the Greater China region, and responsible for the overall ERHARD sales, technical support and after sale service.
4. For the latest development product information of ERHARD and TALIS group, please refer to ERHARD official website www.erhard.de, TALIS Group's official website www.talis-group.com
5. As to the action that few companies in current China market who has been fabricating the relations with ERHARD company, using ERHARD brand, confusing both Chinese and English names of Erhard, falsely claiming manufacturing and selling ERHARD products, TALIS Group reminds the customers to identify and prevent this behavior, so as to avoid unnecessary losses.
6. TALIS Group will reserve the right to take all legal actions against any infringement of their intellectual property or damage to their goodwill.

ERHARD GmbH & Co. KG
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