

Dear Customer

We receive questions regarding how we as a company and our chemical products fulfil the requirements of Reach (European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006). We hope this letter will clarify how we work with Reach.

EACH is the EU chemicals regulation (1907/2006/EG). REACH distinguishes between substances, preparations and articles. In the first instance it is substances and preparations that are regulated under REACH. Certain rules apply, however, including articles that contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC-Substances).

Substances and mixtures

We are, according to the definitions of Reach, a distributor and downstream user; we do not manufacture the actual chemical substances/products or import them from non-EU countries. Therefore, we do not register any chemical substances ourselves.

We have contacted the manufacturers/distributors from whom we purchase our chemical products in order to check that they fulfil the demands of Reach. These suppliers have stated that no product will need to be withdrawn from the market due to the demands of Reach. Furthermore, constituent chemical substances in the products will be registered by suppliers themselves or by their raw material suppliers, when necessary.

Articles

On the candidate list are substances in articles that are considered especially dangerous (SVHC). This list is constantly growing with new hazardous substances which may subsequently be prohibited or require permits.

We have contacted our suppliers and made demands that the substances that require registration, notification, permission or are prohibited shall comply with the REACH legislation.

If any of our articles in the future will contain the candidate listed substances in a concentration of 0.1% weight by weight, we will ensure that an instruction will be created for safe handling, with at least the substance name until the substance of the product is exchanged.

In summary, there is nothing to suggest that we will experience any problems with the supply of chemical products or articles due to Reach. We are continuously monitoring how Reach is proceeding for our suppliers, and we will ensure that we comply with government regulations.

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Yours sincerely,

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