

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH)

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (**REACH**) is an EU regulation, which as such is immediately mandatory in all Member States.

REACH stands for **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and Restriction of **C**hemicals.

According to REACH, manufacturers or importers, who manufacture substances in the European Union and/or import substances into the European Union, either as a substance or as a component of a mixture, with more than one tonne per substance per year, are obliged to register those substances. Substances with a lower annual tonnage (per manufacturer / importer) are exempt from this REACH registration requirement.

Additionally, the REACH registration requirement excludes e.g. polymers, waste, substances used in product development, and substances listed in REACH Annex IV or Annex V (e.g. non-hazardous natural substances, water, sugar, limestone).

Most of our products are not substances but mixtures. In cooperation with our suppliers, we were able to ensure, that all substances contained in our products, which are subject to the registration obligation under REACH, actually have been registered.

For mixtures, the registration numbers of the ingredients must be indicated in section 3 of the safety data sheet, only if they are hazardous substances, if the concentrations of the substances are above certain thresholds, and if these substances actually are subject to registration requirement.

The term "**SVHC**" (Substance of Very High Concern) is used for substances that have been included in the "candidate list" for the REACH authorisation process (actually it is the "Candidate List of substances of very high concern for Authorisation").

Just being included in the candidate list does not yet lead to any immediate restrictions on the use of the substance. It just means, that the substance is reviewed whether its addition to Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation (List of substances subject to authorisation) appears necessary. Only if the substance is eventually included in Annex XIV, it may no longer be marketed or used without authorisation. Nevertheless, the inclusion of a substance in the candidate list entails some obligations: REACH obliges the supplier of a candidate substance, inter alia to list the substance in section 3 of the safety data sheet as soon as its concentration in the mixture exceeds 0.1 %.

It is part of our company philosophy not to use substances for Rivolta- and CASSIDA-products that are so dangerous that their addition to the candidate list seems possible. If any of our raw materials should ever end up on the candidate list, we would immediately inform you by updating the safety data sheets of the affected products accordingly. All customers, who have purchased these products within the last twelve months, will automatically receive an updated safety data sheet, then. This way, our customers are always informed in a timely and comprehensive manner.

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