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compulsory. The aim of the Regulation is to document and make safe the entire life-cycle of a chemical substance. For updated information on previous REACH information, visit the NORWE website:

- 06.2007 – Basic information on REACH
- 11.2008 – 1st update on preregistration
- 05.2009 – 2nd update on the status of current REACH implementation

List of candidates for registration as substances requiring authorization

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) publishes at regular intervals a list of candidates for registration as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). These substances are accused of having the following extremely negative properties, in particular:

- *carcinogenic, mutagenic and/or harmful to reproduction*
- *persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic*

For firms which manufacture or use such substances, there are the following grave consequences if one of these substances is placed on the list of candidates:

- Suppliers of chemicals and products must inform their commercial customers if these contain a substance on the list of candidates.
- The substance concerned may only be manufactured or used after authorization, once it has been entered in REACH Annex XIV and the deadline (“sunset date”) has expired.

You can find more information on the current list of candidates under echa.europa.eu.

Current status at NORWE

Soon after publication of an updated list of candidates, we check, together with the suppliers and manufactures of our standard materials, whether these materials contain “SVHC”.

As of the moment, we can confirm that the NORWE standard materials do not contain any Substances of Very High Concern above the permissible concentration.

Our specialists will be glad to provide you with additional information.

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Current status of REACH implementation

Pre-registration of the “phase-in-substances” was completed by 1 December 2008. “Phase-in-substances” are substances which were already marketed in the EU before 1981 and are listed in the EU Inventory of existing commercial chemical substances.

As next step in the implementation process, the “phase-in-substances” have to be registered by the manufacturers or importers by a certain date depending on the quantities and then evaluated by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Non “phase-in-substances” in quantities of one tonne per year or more have to be registered at short notice. The same applies to substances with very hazardous properties.

For this the ECHA has published a Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (for further information, go to www.echa.europa.eu).

The published list includes substances which survive for a long time in the environment. There is therefore a danger that these toxic substances will not only be absorbed by the human body but that they will accumulate in a way hazardous to health (carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction substances and persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substances).

Current status at NORWE

As stated in our last REACH update, pre-registration for all NORWE standard materials has been agreed. And, from today’s standpoint, all standard materials used by NORWE will continue to be available after implementation of REACH. In accordance with the obligations of which we are aware, we together with our material manufacturers and material suppliers, have already checked for any possible presence of substances in accordance with the Candidate List.

We can herewith confirm in agreement with our material manufacturers and material suppliers that in the NORWE standard materials there are no substances of very high concern according to the ECHA Candidate List which are above the given concentration.

Our specialists will be pleased to provide further information you may have.

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REACH-Regulation

The EU Chemicals Regulation REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) has coming into effect on 01.06.2007 and aims to protect health and the environment. Manufacturers, importers, and also downstream users may only put substances into circulation if this is guaranteed.



The regulation is based on the “precautionary principle” – substance registration is mandatory to a high degree. The aim of this is to record and structure the entire life cycle of a chemical substance.

From 01.06.2008 to 01.12.2008 the pre-registration take place in order to ease the requirements of a common registration of equal substances.

Who does REACH concern?

REACH obligates manufacturers, importers, and users of all types of “chemicals”. Companies that put substances “into circulation”, in other words manufacturers and importers, are obligated to register these substances. Companies that buy the substances on the European market are described as downstream users.

What does REACH mean for NORWE?

For us as a plastics processor we will first have to analyze the raw materials and additives that we use within the scope of the REACH implementation.

NORWE will record how its customers (the so-called downstream users) use the plastic components delivered. We will then provide this data to our raw materials suppliers so that they can include the uses in the specified Chemical Safety Report.

Is there a registration obligation for NORWE customers?

In general, manufacturers and importers must register all substances that they produce or import in quantities of more than 1 metric ton (mt) per year. Without registration the products may not be used or marketed. When the substances are being registered with the authorities, a Technical Dossier and, if applicable, a Chemical Safety Report, which takes account of the identified uses that the manufacturer knows of, must be submitted. Users should check whether their individual use is included in the manufacturer's Chemical Safety Report.

If it is not included, the user can either ask the manufacturer to include this use in the Chemical Safety Report, or – if, for example secrecy is required – compile its own Chemical Safety Report which it then submits directly to the authorities.

For all NORWE-standardmaterials the pre-registration has already been adjusted with our suppliers. We advise our customers to familiarize themselves with the REACH-Regulation and the associated consequences and obligations in detail. Our experts will be happy to provide any further information you require and answer any questions you may have.

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