



■ REACH Regulation

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (in short: REACH) has been in force as from 1 June 2007.

Objectives of REACH

The situation in the European market today shows that EU chemicals legislation was previously not sufficient to guarantee adequate safety in the manufacture, import and handling of chemicals.

The following goals (among others) are therefore to be realised through the REACH Regulation: ensuring of a high level of protection of human health and the environment, promotion of alternative methods for the assessment of hazards of chemical substances, promotion of the free movement of goods in the European internal market and improved information about chemicals.

Scope

REACH applies to the manufacture, import and use of substances in the following three forms:

1. **SUBSTANCES** on their own
= chemical element and its compounds
2. substances in **PREPARATIONS**
= mixtures or solutions composed of two or more substances
3. substances in **ARTICLES**
= object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition

How does REACH work?

The ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) based in Helsinki, Finland, is responsible for the registration, evaluation and authorisation of chemicals as the central body.

Manufacturers of substances (businesses based in the EU) or businesses that import substances into the EU from non-EU countries have an **obligation** to register with the ECHA all substances that are manufactured or imported in quantities of one tonne or above per year. Preparations and articles do not have to be registered, only the substances present in them. If the substance is already registered for the same use, there is no obligation to register.

Applicability to H. BUTTING GmbH & Co. KG

In the manufacture of our products, we use raw materials and supplies which may contain substances subject to registration. These include preparations (e.g. dyes and lubricants) and articles (e.g. polymer foils and adhesive tape). We are currently in contact with our suppliers in order to guarantee the continued delivery of these products that we require.

At any rate, the products manufactured by H. BUTTING GmbH & Co. KG are exclusively articles within the meaning of REACH. There is no intention to release substances from these products, so this does not result in any obligations for us to pre-register or subsequently register substances.



As things stand today, we do not anticipate our ability to supply or the quality of our products being compromised in any way. If problems do become apparent in this regard, we will contact you in good time in order to find a solution together with you, which is suitable and satisfactory for both parties.

Your contact if you have any queries

Mr. Helge Manzke will be happy to answer your queries concerning the applicability of REACH at BUTTING.



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