

Statement

on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH")

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals ("REACH" for short) came into force on 1 June 2007.

REACH contains the following provisions:

1. Manufacturers and importers of substances or preparations, who manufacture in or import into the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA), must register these substances with the European Chemicals Agency from 1 June 2008, provided the quantities manufactured or imported amount to at least 1 t/a and the substances concerned are not among those that are exempt from mandatory registration. Phase in substances are substances listed in the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS). These can be pre-registered between 1 June 2008 and 1 December 2008. Depending on the amounts manufactured/imported, pre-registered substances do not need to be registered until a later date.
2. Suppliers of substances and preparations must provide the purchaser with either a safety data sheet or with safety information. In certain cases the safety data sheet will be extended to include details of relevant exposure scenarios ("extended safety data sheet").
3. Manufacturers and importers of goods containing a substance included on the "candidate list", in quantities of more than 0.1 mass % per product, will on request be required to provide professional purchasers and consumers with sufficient information to apply the product safely, providing the name of the substance as a very minimum. Also, if the substance is present in quantities of more than 1 t/a in all of these products, this must be notified to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), but only from 1 June 2011 at the earliest.
4. Users of chemicals (substances and preparations), known as "downstream users", will need to meet additional obligations from 1 June 2008, but only once they have received the extended safety data sheet. Downstream users can provide appropriate information for the registration to support manufacturers of substances and importers of substances and preparations.

Pilz GmbH & Co. KG is a downstream user

As the leading manufacturer of products for safe automation, Pilz GmbH & Co. KG faces the challenge of keeping the environmental impact of its products as low as possible over the whole lifecycle, from manufacture to disposal. As Pilz GmbH & Co. KG does not produce any substances or preparations, it is a downstream user in terms of REACH.

Pilz GmbH & Co. KG exclusively produces and supplies non-chemical products (goods). No substance will be released from these goods under any normal or reasonably foreseeable application conditions. The aforementioned provisions nos. 1 and 2 are therefore not applicable.

Pilz GmbH & Co. KG is in discussions with the supply chain

The "candidate list" is not yet known. This means that as yet there are no obligations under provision 3. As soon as the "candidate list" has been published and we have the relevant data from the supply chain, we will let you have any information you might require. As far as we are aware, our products do not currently contain any substances above 0.1 mass %, which might be included in the "candidate list".

We shall have the necessary discussions with our suppliers by the preregistration date so that we can continue to guarantee the quality and reliability of our products.

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