

## **Declaration on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH")**

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 concerning the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals ("REACH" for short) came into effect 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 could be pre-registered between 1 June 2008 and 1 December 2008. Depending on the amounts manufactured or 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 be required to provide professional purchasers - and consumers on request - 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.

## **KUNBUS GmbH - Downstream User**

As the leading specialist of industrial communication products, KUNBUS GmbH faces the challenge of keeping the environmental impact of its products as low as possible over the whole lifecycle, from manufacture to disposal.

KUNBUS GmbH communicates with all suppliers to guarantee REACH compliance and ensure the quality of purchased parts. If necessary, safety data sheets are requested and then passed to the manufacturing centers so that on-site health and safety measures can be optimized.

KUNBUS GmbH exclusively produces and supplies non-chemical products (goods). No substance will be released from these goods under any normal or reasonably foreseeable application conditions. In terms of REACH, KUNBUS GmbH is primarily a downstream user.

## **KUNBUS GmbH - Communication with the supply chain**

We regularly check the candidate list of the Chemicals Agency ECHA, so that we can send our customers the prescribed information, if necessary, when the relevant data is available from the supply chain. As far we are aware, some of our products do currently contain lead above 0.1 mass %.

Pursuant to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation the manufacturer has to provide information to their customers, if our articles include substances in a concentration above 0.1 % weight by weight. With the update from June 2018 lead was among other substances entered in the SVHC list. Lead is contained in our products and exceeds the limit of 0.1 mass %. This happens not intentionally but currently due to technical reasons and without the option of substitution. We are monitoring this situation carefully and are working continuously on avoid parts with substances in the list for future products. We can conclude that there are no threats to the health to fear, if the products are used according to specification and intended user scenarios.

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