

Dear Customer,

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We are well aware that REACH, the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, entered into force on 1st of June 2007, and it presents an important challenge to supply chain management. We are continuously checking for compliance.

General requirements

The pulp and paper industry is mainly impacted as down-stream user of chemicals. Paper and board are articles, as defined in art. 3.3 of the Regulation (which says "*Article: means an 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;*") and confirmed in the "*Guidance on requirements for substances in articles*" published by the European Chemicals Agency, 2008. Being articles, paper and paper products do not need Safety Data Sheets.

Requirements as producers of articles

Requirements for producers of articles are defined in art. 7 of the Regulation. Specifically in our case the paper supplied to you:

- A) does not contain substances intended to be released.
- B) does not contain substances currently identified in the candidate list (art. 59 of the Regulation) above a concentration of 0,1% (w/w) or above the threshold of 1 ton /year/producer.

We periodically check for new entrances in the candidate list and assess our products accordingly. We will inform you about any changes in our former statement, in due time.

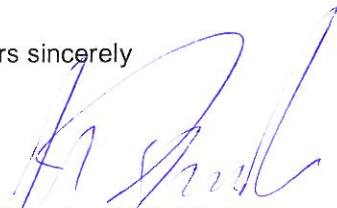
Requirements as substances users

We are well aware that a consequence of REACH is that chemicals might not be registered for their purpose and hence they will disappear from the market.

In any case the main raw material in paper and board, cellulose pulp, is explicitly exempted from registration according to art. 2.7, being recognized to cause minimum risk because of its intrinsic properties. Recovered paper is also exempted being waste and/or having sameness with cellulose pulp when recovered in compliance with EN 643.

As a downstream user of chemicals we have sent questionnaires to our chemical suppliers concerning their intention to register the supplied substances. We have received confirmation from most of our suppliers that they will ensure timely implementation of REACH. Therefore we don't foresee any substantial changes in the quality of our supplied paper products due to REACH.

Yours sincerely



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