

REACH Declaration

EU Regulation 1907/2006/EC concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), entered into force in EU in 2007 as a comprehensive chemicals management policy representing a new holistic approach.

REACH shifts the responsibility from public authorities to industry with regards to assessing and managing the risks posed by chemicals and providing appropriate safety information for their users. It impacts on a wide range of companies across many sectors beyond the chemical industry. We are monitoring the development of the information obligation according to §33 very closely. It requires new forms of cooperation among companies, enhancing communication along the supply chain.

The main aims of REACH are to ensure a high level of protection for human health and the environment.

Specific requirements of the REACH-regulation that are of relevance for R+M / Suttner's products:

- Obligation to inform customers if a product contains > 0.1 % of a SVHC (Substance of Very High Concern) listed in the candidate list
- Bans / restrictions on certain substances (REACH annex XVII)

R+M / Suttner supports the aim of the REACH Regulation, prohibiting SVHC since 2013 in our products and is continuously working on replacing these substances as the candidate list expands unless technically unfeasible.

The Candidate List, published on June 27th, 2018 added ten new SVHCs to the Candidate List, including lead as an element, lead metal, CAS 7439-92-1. Lead metal is contained in R + M / Suttner products such as the valve housings of our spray guns. Lead has been restricted for many years under the RoHS Directive (2011/65/EU) with limit of 0.1%, however with certain exemptions e. g. allowing lead up to 4% in copper alloys. Lead content above 0.1% in our products (articles) is only present if it lives up to the exemptions under the RoHS Directive. The use of this substance therefore complies with the applicable legal requirements. When used as intended, there is no risk to health or the environment. Safety instructions are not required.

If you would like further details, please contact us.

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