



REACH and it's Impact on Scandstick

REACH is the EU Regulation for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. It entered into force on 1st June 2007 to streamline and improve the former legislative framework on chemicals of the European Union. REACH requires that chemical substances on their own, in preparations and those which are intentionally released from articles have to be registered to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The regulation applies to substances manufactured in, or imported to the EU in annual quantities of 1 tonne or more per company, unless the regulation indicates otherwise.

The obligation to register applies from 1 June 2008. The chemicals currently on the EU market which meet the definition of phase-in substances should be pre-registered between 1 June and 1 December 2008.

Scandstick is 'downstream-user' of chemicals and has taken the necessary steps to make sure that all our chemical suppliers are aware of the REACH requirements.

Self adhesive laminates are not considered 'substances' under REACH, but are classed as articles*. They do not contain substances of very high concern (SVHC) at a concentration level which would result in the need to register them on "preparations/articles" level.

On the basis of our current knowledge none of our products will be affected by the registration of REACH. We will have a continuous contact with our suppliers and we will inform our customers if there are new raw material restrictions.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us!

Yours sincerely,

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*** Article**

An article is the legal term under REACH for any object that has been given a specific shape, surface or design so that it can be used for a specific purpose (e.g. manufactured goods such as cars, textile, electronic ships).

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