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REACH Regulation

With regard to the EU Regulation 1907/2006 REACH (**R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals), we comment on our articles as follows:

The REACH Regulation was adopted on 18th December 2006 and entered into force on 1st June 2007. On this date, the European Chemicals Agency ECHA, responsible as a central body for the implementation of REACH, was installed in Helsinki. On 1st June 2008. After registration of substances a candidate lists of Substances with Very High Concern (SVHC) will be published continuously.

The registration and authorisation of chemicals introduced by means of REACH concerns so-called substances, i.e. chemical elements or compounds. For preparations, i.e. mixtures and solutions of two or more substances, there is no registration obligation, but there is possibly an obligation to create safety data sheets. Finally, articles, i.e. objects which during manufacturing get a specific shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition, are not covered by REACH except for some exemptions for which information obligations exist.

Continuously BENNING is clarifying the concrete consequences of REACH within a competent project team. BENNING produces and sells solely articles and thus is only conditionally affected by REACH. Moreover, we agreed with our suppliers to comply with the REACH Regulation.

As far as article 33 of REACH is concerned, we would like to communicate the following information: The candidate list (date 18.06.2010 and the following) according to article 59 (1, 10) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 („REACH“) has been published (see the website of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) <http://echa.europa.eu>). After information of our supplier concerning exceeding of concentration of SVHC above 0.1 % weight by weight in the deliveries, we analyse the concernment and inform our customer in case of exceeding of concentration above 0.1 % weight by weight in our products.

Currently, we assume that we will be supplied with the raw materials required for the manufacturing of our products also after the transition periods defined by REACH have expired and that substances or preparations which might be considered to be critical will be substituted during the time available. As far as we can identify consequences for our customers, we will contact you on the basis of the existing contractual arrangements.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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