

EU REACH Regulations Waste Framework Directive

REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals. It came into force on 1st June 2007 and replaced a number of European Directives and Regulations with a single system.

Reach Registration

Careful consideration has been given to our responsibility as an importer of articles from outside the EU and in particular whether we as a company should register any of these items under the REACH legislation.

REACH applies to substances manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities of 1 tonne or more per year. Generally, it applies to all individual chemical substances on their own, in preparations or in articles.

In conclusion, we are not required to submit a registration to the ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency) for any article we import from outside the EU.

SCIP Database

From 5 January 2021, companies supplying articles into the European Union containing Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) listed in the current REACH Candidate List with an SVHC concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% w/w are required to register critical concentrations via the EU's SCIP (Substances of concern in articles, as such or in complex objects (products)) database.

The SCIP database will be accessible to both consumers and waste operators, ensures that information on products containing SVHCs is available through the product's lifecycle.

The SCIP system is hosted by ECHA under the Waste Framework Directive (WFD).

General

Hexstone have carefully reviewed the substances listed in the current REACH candidate list (ECHA/NR/23/17- 235) and concluded that the vast majority of the commercial grade products as listed in our standard product range are free of SVHC's; exceptions: -

Some brass products may contain Pb up to 0.35% w/w

Machined brass nuts may contain Pb > 0.35% w/w

Occasionally special products are purchased to the requirements of the customer, if SVHC's are present in these items at levels above 0.1% w/w the customer shall be alerted.



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