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## Confirmation

### Implementation of REACH Legislation

Since June 1, 2007 the new EU chemicals legislation no 1907/2006 is in force. It is a system for the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals, in short "REACH".

REACH contains the following rules:

1. Manufacturers of substances, importers of substances, and importers or of mixtures and preparations of substances into the European Community (EU) are required to register these substances at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) starting June 1, 2008, if more than 1 ton/year of the substances are produced or imported, and if the substances are not exempt from registration. So called "phase-in-substances", for example substances contained in the EINECS list of existing substances, may be pre-registered from June 1, 2008 up to December 1, 2008. Pre-registered substances can be registered later. The deadline for registrations depends on the production or import quantity.
2. Suppliers of substances and preparations have to provide an extended MSDS (material safety data sheet) or a safety information sheet to its customers.
3. In order to facilitate a safe use, suppliers and importers of products containing more than 0.1 weight-% of a substance listed in the „candidates list“ have to provide adequate information on request – at least the name of the substance – to professional customers as well as to users. If the quantity of a substance contained in these products exceeds 1 ton/year, an information to the European Chemicals Agency has to be given, earliest on June 1, 2011.
4. Users of chemicals (substances and preparations), so called downstream users (DU), have additional duties under REACH starting on June 1, 2008, as soon as extended MSDS' are available. Downstream users may support manufacturers by providing useful information for the registration of substances and preparations.

Our customers obtain exclusively non-chemical products from SCHURTER. In addition, no substances are released under normal and reasonably foreseeable terms of uses. As a consequence, rules 1 and 2 do not apply.

The „candidates list“ is now established<sup>1</sup> (rule 3). According to our current state of knowledge, our products do not contain substances<sup>2</sup> in amounts greater than 0.1 weight-% that are part of the „candidates list“.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> [http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp)

<sup>2</sup> This is regarding category 1 or 2 CMR substances (cancer, mutagenicity, reproductive toxicity group), PBT (persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic) and vPvB (very persistent, very bioaccumulative) substances, and substances of similar hazards specified on a case by case basis on grounds of scientific criteria.

