

RE: Implementing REACH

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Regulation REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization of Chemicals) came into force on June 1st 2007 (CE no1907/2006) and it introduced new European policy to deal with the management of chemical substances.

The aim of this Regulation is for there to be better knowledge and better control of the risks connected with chemical products, its main objective being to improve the protection of human health and the environment. As well as chemical substances, it also covers preparations and items introduced into the European market. Those who manufacture, import and use substances are all affected and involved in implementing REACH. All chemical substances imported or produced in the EU in quantities exceeding 1 ton per year must be registered.

After December 1st 2008, it will no longer be possible to distribute or produce within the European Union any substances which will not be registered.

ARMOR is aware of the imperatives of this regulation and has formally undertaken to respect European legislation concerning the environment. For this reason, ARMOR has organized itself accordingly so that it can meet the challenge of better environmental protection, optimum management of natural resources as well as efficient protection for our employees and customers.

In order to guarantee continuity for our products, ARMOR has forward planned for the implementation of REACH and has taken the following measures:

- a contact person has been appointed for all questions concerning REACH ;
- monitoring of all our suppliers with regard to the pre-registration and registration of raw materials ;
- adjusting the MSDS sheets and exposure scenarios to meet the new REACH standards.

ARMOR printing cartridges, for the purposes of the REACH Regulation, are «containers of a material dispensing a substance-preparation».

The purpose of these printing cartridges is to dispense ink on a medium, for the purposes of REACH ink is a «preparation». The substances contained in this preparation must be registered (Art. 6, Title II) if the respective quantities are imported/produced in quantities exceeding or equal to 1 ton per year/ per legal entity.

All our suppliers have been asked and invited to give us the exact composition of the preparations they supply. Each of them has explicitly given their undertaking, under penalty of exclusion, that the preparations supplied are compliant with the REACH Regulation. In particular, they guarantee us that:

- They have set up a program to monitor the chemical substances used, and/or produced, and/or imported into the EU;
- They are committed to following through monitoring to identify SVHCs under REACH, so that they are in a position to provide, depending on what is required, up to date certificates and to remain compliant with these same obligations;
- They are committed to guaranteeing that the substances supplied comply with the Regulation and to do this, whatever substances are present in the product delivered, in compliance with the use declared by ARMOR beforehand;
- They are committed to providing for all preparations and/items delivered to ARMOR PRINT SOLUTIONS, up to date Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in the new format.
- If they are using flame retardant, dekaBDE (pentabromfenylether) for example, concentrations of such chemicals family have to be compliant with REACH/RoHS requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments to make regarding the above.

Yours faithfully,

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