

DELCORTE S.A.S

REACH REGULATION EC1907/06

REACH contains the following regulations:

1. From 1 June 2008, manufacturers of substances, and importers of substances as such or of substances in preparations (mixtures) into the European Community (EC) and the European Economic Area (EEA), must register these substances with the European Chemicals Agency if the substances in question are manufactured or imported in quantities of at least 1 t/a and if they are not substances that are exempted from compulsory registration. So-called "phase-in substances" – these are, for example, substances that are shown on the existing substances list EINECS – can be pre-registered between 1 June 2008 and 1 December 2008. Pre-registered substances do not have to be registered until later, depending on the quantity manufactured/imported.

2. Suppliers of substances and preparations must provide the recipient with either a safety data sheet (Article 31) or safety information (Article 32). In certain cases, the safety data sheet will be supplemented by an annex ("extended safety data sheet") showing the relevant exposure scenarios.

3. Manufacturers and importers of articles that contain more than 0.1 mass percent per article of a substance on the "candidate list" shall provide the professional recipient and on request a consumer of the article with sufficient information to allow safe use of the article, including, as a minimum, the name of that substance. If all these articles contain more than 1 t/a a notification to the European Chemicals Agency (EChA) is necessary, however, not before 1 June 2011.

4. From 1 June 2008, users of chemicals (substances and preparations/mixtures) – so-called "downstream users" – will have to comply with other obligations, but in some cases only after they have received an extended safety data sheet. Downstream users can provide appropriate information so as to assist the manufacturers of substances and importers of substances and preparations in registering them.

You procure articles (not chemicals) from us which are not intended to release any substance under normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use and our articles do not currently contain any substances above 0.1 mass-% per product that are included on the candidate list. Consequently, the obligations in No. 1, 2 and 3 above are not relevant here. Through communication with our chemicals suppliers we will try to safeguard the delivery of all chemicals which are necessary for us.

MAUBEUGE

THE 2009-01-12

**Mr K.MARTIN
ENGINEER**

