

## REACH for Customers<sup>1</sup>

### INTRODUCTION

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Since 2008, Frenco GmbH (in the following referred to as FRENCO) has repeatedly received enquiries in regard to its handling of REACH. This quality guideline (QRL 14) provides information as to how FRENCO has dealt with REACH.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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REACH is the regulation for **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemical substances. The aim of the regulation, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007, is to streamline and improve the previously effective regulatory framework for chemicals in the European Union (EU). REACH places greater responsibility on the industry to control the risks that chemicals may pose to the health and the environment.

In principle REACH applies to all chemical substances, i.e. not only chemicals used in industrial processes but also in our day-to-day life, for example in cleaning products, paints as well as in articles such as clothes, furniture and electrical appliances.

The aims of REACH are to:

- Improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemical substances
- Enhance the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry, a key sector for the economy of the EU
- Promote alternative methods for the assessment of hazards of substances
- Ensure the free circulation of substances on the internal market of the European Union

In order to achieve the above mentioned aims, the entire supply chain (of e.g. a car) must be questioned, i.e. which supplier manufactures such substances and/or imports them into the EU. **REACH requires all substances that are intended to be released from articles during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use to be registered according to the normal rules, if they are produced or imported in quantities exceeding 1 tonne/year per producer or importer.** Such notification is not required, however, when exposure to humans and environment can be excluded during normal conditions of use, including disposal. Safety instructions should be provided in such cases. (Source: <http://reach.jrc.it>)

The supply chain, in accordance with REACH, consists of producers and importers of substances (e.g. iron) and preparations (e.g. steel), downstream users and producers of articles (e.g. screws) who market their products. According to REACH, manufacturers and importers of substances of very high concern are obliged to inform their customers/users.

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT REACH

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**We are manufacturers of articles and hence a downstream user.**

**FRENCO does not produce preparations or substances. Frenco manufactures articles which consist of articles and preparations (steel, aluminium, plastics). FRENCO is therefore not required to register any substances.**

**To date, FRENCO does not manufacture any articles with intended or potential release of substances. Should this be the case, however, our customers will be informed accordingly (material safety data sheet etc.) and our preparations suppliers will be notified of the intended use.**

Since FRENCO is not using any "unusual" preparations, we assume that any substances of very high concern, which may occur within preparations, will have been/will be checked and registered by the producer or importer. We will give you due notice in order to agree on suitable procedures required in the highly unlikely event of any relevant changes, caused by REACH, with regard to our delivery capacity and the quality of the products delivered to you by us.

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