

## REACH Declaration

In your inquiry you ask us about substances in our products which fall within the scope of the so called REACH Regulation.

On 1 June 2007 Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH" for short) came into force.

Thus we would like to inform you herewith that for Kontron Europe GmbH as a company certified according to ISO 14001 it is an obligation to handle our products and processes in that manner that the risk of danger for health and safety of human beings and the environment is minimized.

### 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 – were 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 datasheet (Article 31) or safety information (Article 32). In certain cases, the safety datasheet 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.
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.

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You procure articles (not chemicals) from us which are not intended to release any substance under normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. Consequently, the obligations in No. 1 and 2 above are not relevant here.

The so called "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern" has been published firstly on 28 October 2008 and has been already and will be updated and enlarged continuously over the next years. The relevant obligations are described under No.3. As soon as the relevant data are available from the supply chain we will keep you informed.

However as far as we know at present, our articles in general and in particular the articles of your interest do not contain any substances above 0.1 mass-% per product that are listed on the actual candidate list.

All information has been given to the best of our knowledge and belief. It reflects the current state of the art. The information given implies no warranty within the meaning of the warranty law.

We hope to have answered your inquiry to your satisfaction. For any further questions you may have, we readily are at your disposal.

Yours sincerely

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