

To our Customers



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## EC Regulation REACH

Dear customers,

**REACH** is the abbreviation of **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals. With this new EC regulation the chemical legislation shall be centralized and simplified all over Europe. REACH was resolved by the European Parliament and the Council in December 2006 and entered into force in the summer of 2007.

REACH requires a registration for chemicals as raw materials as well as in preparations. However, it does not require a registration of the preparation itself, only of the chemicals it contains.

**As a general rule, the producer of a chemical is in demand** and the manufacturer of a preparation only secondary. Preparations are deliberately produced mixtures of various substances (for example dispersion coatings or fountain solutions).

Manufacturers (of raw materials) are at the beginning of the production / supply chain. They place substances on the EC market. All their customers who further use these chemicals, either as co-formulants or as raw materials in order to produce a preparation of them, are called downstream users.

We, the VEGRA GmbH, pose as downstream user with the following duties: implementation of risk reduction measures, duty to communicate information and, if necessary, establishment of a chemical substance report (CSR). We do not manufacture or import chemical substances and therefore a registration with the REACH agency is not necessary. The chemicals used for manufacturing our products / preparations are purchased by us within the EC.

As soon as we receive from our suppliers safety data sheets adjusted to REACH, we will adjust our safety data sheets accordingly step by step (in cooperation with our customers) and forward them to you.

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You as dealer who purchases products within the EC (from VEGRA GmbH) with the only purpose to resell them without change, do not have any formal register duty by Reach.

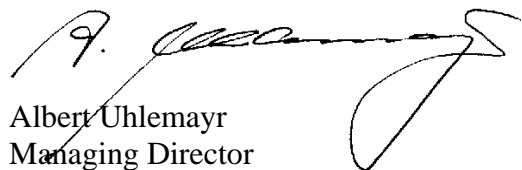
You as customer from the industrial sector, i.e. as industrial user (e.g. printing office), are regarded as downstream user. For you the same duties are valid like for us.

However, this regulation represents only the theoretical basic concept of the new EC chemical legislation. In the end, the various technical guidance documents which are currently developed by the EC commission will decide about the actual realization and thus also about the practical realization of this regulation.

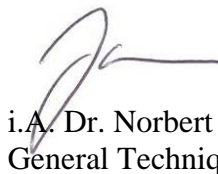
In Germany, several trade associations are currently working out practicable help for implementation for the member companies.

Best regards

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