



REACH

REACH is the new European Regulation (Regulation (EG) No. 1907/2006) which came into force June 1, 2007. The regulation governs the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of Chemicals inside of the European Union.

The main goal of REACH is the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.

R	=	Registration
E	=	Evaluation
A	=	Authorisation
CH	=	Chemicals

All chemical substances must be registered in order to evaluate specific, potential chemical risks, as well as aid in the definition of safety guidelines and an application list.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) was established in Helsinki for the purpose of gathering and organizing the enormous volume of information. All manufacturers of chemical substances are required to prepare and submit documentation to ECHA in compliance to this requirement for registration. Importers bringing chemical substances into the EU from outside the EU are likewise subject to the requirements of these laws.

ECHA assigns a registration number to every registered substance. Since the registration process will take years until all the chemical substances are registered in detail, companies were given the opportunity to pre-register the pertinent information concerning their substances. This pre-registration phase began June 1, 2008 and extended to November 30, 2008. Different deadlines now apply to those companies who have pre-registered their substances until which a formal and complete registration submittal of a substance will have to be made according to their volume (yearly tonnage) and risk to people and the environment. These various deadlines apply for pre-registered substances only. Substances not pre-registered are no longer permitted to be sold after December 1, 2008, until they are put through the complete and definitive registration process. As those companies and importers who have taken advantage of the pre-registration process for their substances can now profit from an extended detailed registration deadline, we estimate that all manufacturers and importers have pre-registered their substances. The detailed registration for all chemical substances will be finished in 2018.

Only manufacturers and importers of chemicals can register substances.

Teca-Print cannot register chemical substances, since Teca-Print is not a manufacturer of chemical substances, as defined by REACH. Teca-Print is also not defined as an importer to an EU country, since our headquarters is located in Switzerland.

It is not possible to register pad printing inks, hardeners, thinners or various additives, etc. since the registration of substances is required. Teca-Print's products (ink, additives) are not substances, but rather mixtures. REACH does not only apply to inks and additives, but also other products as well, which are made up of chemical substances, e.g. silicone products and doctor blades, etc. The same is true for these products as well, in that they are not substances, but rather finished products or mixtures.

The registration of finished products and mixtures is not possible. Only individual substances can be registered.

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Teca-Print is defined as a “down-stream user” (a company in the middle of the supply chain) according to the REACH regulations and is as a result subject to the specific submittal requirements, which are provided to both customers and suppliers or manufacturers as well.

Information to our suppliers/manufacturers:

In light of the REACH regulations, Teca-Print is required to inform its suppliers and manufacturers as to the intended use of the chemical substances, since the registration of substances is carried out according to the defined intended use.

Information for our customers:

Teca-Print has various certificates, which can be made available at any time, for our customers. Further information about our pad printing inks and additives are provided in the material safety data sheets.

Actual situation

- Different certificates are available at Teca-Print concerning pad printing inks and additives. Recently we have added certificates concerning the conformity of pad printing inks and additives to the limitation of substances requiring approval (SVHC = substances of very high concern).
- Some certificates are also available for products which do not belong to the range of pad printing inks. These certificates are available upon request.
- Concerning REACH Teca-Print provides the “standard questionnaire” for communication along the supply chain. The questionnaire together with the various certificates provides a basis to answer all customer requests concerning REACH.
- ECHA will publish a listing with the names of the pre-registered substances in the beginning of 2009. It is not possible to communicate or confirm certain pre-registration numbers to our customers. At this time, one can only trust on the confirmation of a manufacturer or importer that a certain substance has been pre-registered. The European Chemicals Agency will assign a new number for each pre-registered substance and submitter. This means that one substance will have two pre-registration numbers, if the substance is pre-registered by two different manufacturers. Only during the definitive registration will the “duplicate pre-registered numbers” for the same substance be consolidated into one number. The definitive registration number will then be noted on its material safety data sheet. Once these updates for Teca-Print products are finalized, we will inform you of the supplement immediately.
- In general, should we receive new information, we will inform you immediately. You can find detailed information about REACH at the following websites:

Homepage of the European Chemicals Agency ECHA
www.echa.europa.eu

Helpdesk for the Federation of German Industries (BDI)
www.reach.bdi.info

Helpdesk of the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
www.baua.de

Federal Environment Agency REACH Website
www.reach-info.de

as well as several other websites

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