

REACH statement For concrete fibres

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The REACH regulation 1907/2006 came into force on June 1st 2007. REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) affects all industries. The objective of REACH is to improve the knowledge of the properties of the chemical substances and the risks linked with the use of these chemicals.

Adfil is a downstream user of "substances" and "preparations" (dyestuffs/chemicals), a fibre (=article) manufacturer and distributor. In order to fulfil our roles we are taking the following actions.

As a downstream user of chemicals, we are not responsible for the (pre)registration of these chemicals nor for the risk assessment. However, we have to make sure that our suppliers know for what application we use their products (identified uses). Therefore we are in close co-operation with our suppliers to monitor their progress and measures for REACH compliancy. We also made an inventory of our chemicals, which enables us to react fast with any change in the supply chain.

Our fibre products are "articles" and therefore have no registration obligations. Secondly, the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) will publish, on a regular base, a list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) on the Candidate list (http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp). All required communications are uniquely linked to this official list. If ever one of our articles (textile fibres) contains such a substance, above 0.1 % (g/g), we will communicate about these chemicals to our clients. Besides, Adfil will start an active search for an alternative solution for the used substances on the Candidate list.

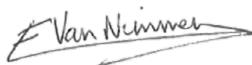
Additionally, our fibre products fulfil all the restrictions, as mentioned in annex XVII of the Reach-regulation. Based upon our and our (European and non-European) supplier's current knowledge, we can inform that we do not work with any of these substances.

We also point out that the information as per above are given to the best of our knowledge, as we are also bound to the information which is provided to us by suppliers.

We are convinced that hereby we have informed you of our approach towards REACH. We will continue to inform you on the further progress towards full REACH compliancy.

We also trust our statement contains an answer to all your enquiries, questionnaires and concerns you might have with REACH in relationship to our collaboration, but we remain at your disposal for any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,



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