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## REACH and AkzoNobel Powder Coatings within the EU

At AkzoNobel Powder Coatings we are fully aware of REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, its timetable for (pre-)registration of substances and the consequences for downstream users of chemicals. REACH requires industry to ensure that the chemicals it manufactures and places on the market in the EU do not adversely affect human health or the environment. AkzoNobel supports the aims and objectives of REACH.

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) impacts on all actors involved in the supply and use chain for coatings in the EU. For a detailed explanation of the implications of REACH for both us and our customers within the EU, please refer to our brochure, *REACH: a guide to the EU chemicals regulation for customers of AkzoNobel Powder Coatings*. This sheet supplements and updates the information provided in the brochure.

AkzoNobel Powder Coatings is a downstream user of chemical substances only (not a manufacturer or importer), therefore we have **no registration obligations** for substances we use within the EU. We are committed to timely fulfilment of all other obligations under REACH and have invested significant effort in preparing for these.

### Pre-registration

Within the EU **we only use raw materials which are assured to have been (pre-)registered** by our suppliers, their representatives or upstream suppliers. Furthermore, in line with ECHA press release 08/32 of 6 October 2008, we also submitted our own pre-registrations where necessary to secure the continued re-import of substances in products from our factories outside the EU.

Under REACH there is no obligation to give pre-registration numbers to downstream users. We do not pass on our pre-registration numbers or those of our suppliers (even when supplied to us voluntarily) to our customers, partly because of the large number of suppliers/substances involved and also because such information is regarded as proprietary and confidential.

### Registration

The uses of a substance and potential exposure scenarios are to be considered in the registration dossier. This is the responsibility of our upstream suppliers, however as a downstream user we have the right to make our uses known to them.

As an active member of CEPE, the European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry, we have participated in the development of generic use and exposure scenario information. Tables of use descriptors for the manufacture and application of coatings are available on the CEPE website and have been communicated to upstream chemical suppliers' sector associations. We have also communicated these individually to all of our raw material suppliers (more than twelve months before the first registration deadline of 30 November 2010). Typical operating conditions and risk management measures are being added to these tables to aid exposure assessment.

Customers are advised to check that their use patterns are fully covered by the CEPE tables, and to contact us regarding any which lie outside these.

Registration deadlines are phased between 2010 and 2018, and many raw material suppliers have not yet decided which substances they will register and for which uses. We cannot guarantee that all identified uses will be included in their registrations. However at this time we are not aware of any suppliers who actively intend **not** to register substances for coatings uses, therefore **we anticipate no disruption to our product offer** in the foreseeable future.

Nonetheless we always reserve the right to reformulate or replace any product as required, because of REACH or any other reason including continual improvement. For this reason we do not guarantee the continued supply of specific existing products; however we do commit to continuing to supply you with products which meet your specifications as well as being fully compliant with REACH. Where appropriate, customers would of course be informed of any significant change to a product at the earliest possible opportunity.

#### Substances of very high concern (SVHC)

On 28 October 2008 the European Chemicals Agency ECHA published the first Candidate List for Annex XIV (substances subject to authorisation), comprising 15 substances. On 7 December 2009 ECHA announced 15 further substances to be added to the Candidate List in January 2010. **We do not knowingly or intentionally use any of these substances in our products.** In this respect we rely upon the information from our upstream suppliers, since we do not carry out routine analytical testing of incoming raw materials.

We will continuously monitor all future additions to the SVHC list, and if necessary work to ensure that our products are free from these substances.

Information on any dangerous substances present in our products will continue to be communicated in our SDS. Under REACH there is no obligation to disclose further detailed composition information on our products, including substance tonnage bands and/or registration deadlines. In the event of any regulatory query regarding our products, our SDS may be submitted to the relevant authorities.

#### **Links**

European Chemicals Agency: <http://echa.europa.eu/>

CEPE: <http://www.cepe.org/>

#### **Important note**

The information in this sheet is not intended to be exhaustive and is based on the present state of our knowledge and on current laws: any person using a product for any purpose other than that specifically recommended in the technical data sheet without first obtaining written confirmation from us as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at his own risk. It is always the responsibility of the user to take all necessary steps to fulfil the demands set out in the local rules and legislation. Always read the Material Data Sheet and the Technical Data Sheet for the product if available. All advice we give or any statement made about the product by us (whether in this sheet or otherwise) is correct to the best of our knowledge but we have no control over the quality or the condition of the substrate or the many factors affecting the use and application of the product. Therefore, unless we specifically agree in writing otherwise, we do not accept any liability whatsoever for the performance of the product or for any loss or damage arising out of the use of the product. All products supplied and technical advice given are subject to our standard terms and conditions of sale. You should request a copy of this document and review it carefully. The information contained in this sheet is subject to modification from time to time in the light of experience and our policy of continuous development. It is the user's responsibility to verify that this sheet is current prior to using the product.

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