



REACH-COMPLIANCE

The European chemicals regulation (REACH) imposes certain duties to communicate information down the supply chain. Therefore we would like to inform you about the concrete information you will receive from us according to the REACH provisions on communication down the supply chain.

We supply you with **“Classic Abrasive Products”** which **are regarded as articles under REACH¹**. As a supplier of articles we have the duty to inform you about the presence of a **substance of very high concern²** in a concentration above 0.1% in the products you receive from us. A candidate list of these substances has been published by the European Chemicals Agency and will be updated constantly (last update 27-06-2018).

We will closely follow the release and updates of this list. Whenever a substance present in amounts above 0.1% in the products you receive from us should be identified as being of very high concern, we will automatically inform you as required by REACH.

Furthermore, REACH requires producers of articles to register substances contained in their products, if those substances are intended to be released during use. However, **there is no intended release of substances from abrasive articles during use¹**. Consequently, we have no obligation to register substances under REACH as producers of articles.

Following the REACH Regulation the communication of important information via Safety Data Sheets (SDS) is only foreseen for substances and mixtures. Abrasive products meet the criteria of articles according to REACH with exemption of polishes and pastes which are defined as mixtures or substances. Consequently there is no duty to provide safety data sheets by abrasive producers for most of their products. However, many customers of the abrasive industry are used to the format and structure of a safety data sheet and prefer the communication of information on abrasive products in this form. Therefore the European abrasive industry has decided to continue to provide this voluntary information on a safe use and handling of abrasives in the form of a **“Voluntary Product Information” (VPI) based on the format of a safety data sheet.**

¹ This position is supported by the *Federation of European Producers of Abrasives (FEPA)*.

² For example substances which are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction category 1 or 2.

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Our classic abrasive products are regarded as articles and are **not covered by international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods.**

In any case, you may be sure that **we are well aware of the REACH Regulation and committed to meeting our legal obligations.** This also implies that we are exchanging all information which is necessary under REACH with our own suppliers. As a matter of course we will also ensure that our products will continue to be available under REACH.

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