

Technical Declaration

Declaration on REACH compliance

Dear business partner,

This is to inform you about the actions and processes that FHCS undertook in order to ensure the legal compliance of our products with the European Union Chemicals Legislation REACH (1907/2006/EC).

A. Products seen as “articles” under REACH do not need legal registration

The products of the Vileda Professional product portfolio are to be seen as “articles” under the European legislation for chemicals and therefore do not need registration. Since articles have not to be registered under REACH but only substances, our duty is limited to make sure that all articles and substances we purchase are conforming to REACH regulation.

We are in close contact with our suppliers in order to assure that the substances contained in our products are registered for our applications, securing a stable supply chain.

B. Products seen as “article with intended release” under REACH

Under REACH regulation, articles do not have to be registered but only substances. The registration duty is valid for producers and importers of substances and, as an exception, also for imported articles with intended release of substances.

Currently, our portfolio does neither contain substances, mixtures, nor imported articles with intended release. A registration is therefore not required.

C. SVHC – Substances of Very High Concern

Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) are defined in Article 57 of REACH regulation (1907/2006/EC) and include hazardous substances which are e.g. mutagenic, carcinogenic or toxic-to-reproduction. All our raw materials and third-party products are screened on SVHC according to the candidates list of the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) and additionally according to internal Freudenberg regulations.

We stay in contact with our suppliers and require them to keep us informed about the compliance with REACH requirements. Likewise, we meet the obligations of the duty to communicate information about SVHCs in articles.

To our current best knowledge, Vileda Professional articles do not contain SVHCs in amounts larger than 0.1 % (w/w) – therefore, there are currently no SVHC communication duties to customers.

Nevertheless, we are aware about the biannual update of the SVHC list by ECHA and we monitor new additions for their relevance for FHCS and our products.

D. Microplastics – Synthetic Polymer Microparticles

We hereby declare that the products of the Vileda Professional portfolio are in compliance with new Annex XVII Entry 78 of the European Union REACH Regulation (EU) 1907/2006 as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2055. This means:

We are not placing on the market any product with synthetic polymer microparticles as a substance or as mixture with concentrations equal or greater than 0,01 % by weight. This means, in common language, that our products do not contain intentionally added synthetic polymer microparticles, commonly referred to as “microplastics”.

E. FHCS-internal REACH organization

As a “Downstream User” it is our duty to ensure compliance of all substances we are using in production with REACH regulation.

In case of purchased products, we must assure that these products exclusively contain substances which are conforming to REACH regulation.

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