



Customer information – “REACH”

What is REACH?

REACH is the abbreviation for **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation (release) and restriction of **C**hemicals and stands for a law on chemicals within the EU.

The core aspects are as follows:

- Clear regulation of the registration and approval of "chemicals":
All "substances" (chemicals) manufactured / imported in quantities of one tonne per year or more must be registered by the manufacturers / importers. The substances must be exclusively registered with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).
- Reversal of the burden of proof to the manufacturer of "chemicals":
The manufacturer must "actively" inform its customers about the use of "Substances of Very High Concern" (SVHC List) within the meaning of REACH, and/or offer alternatives.
This means that Rittal must also be "**actively**" informed by its suppliers and Rittal must "**actively**" inform its customers afterwards.
- No data - no market (no registration – no marketing)

What does this mean for Rittal?

- Rittal neither manufactures substances / preparations nor imports them from outside the EU. The only exceptions are preparations (touch-up sticks, paint, sprays etc.) which Rittal places on the market as dealer. The relevant safety data sheets of these preparations are stored on the Internet and are available for download. We would ask you to compare the applications indicated in the relevant safety data sheets with your choice for their intended use, and to inform us immediately in case of deviations.
- With regard to the manufacture, Rittal is only "downstream user" (e.g. cleaning, painting of components). This means that we use different chemicals for the manufacture of our products.
Our products are manufactured items and not substances / preparations within the meaning of REACH, and they do not release such substances / preparations during their application. Therefore, the registration obligation does not apply to our products.



What are our activities?

- Rittal maintains contact with the manufacturers of substances / preparations to verify whether the Rittal application is known to the manufacturer and the substances have been registered and/or preparations will be registered (complete registration takes place until 2018).
- Rittal has included all currently known "Substances of Very High Concern" (SVHC List) into existing Technical Delivery Conditions (AA-TL035 "Prohibition and Declaration List"). These technical delivery conditions contain all currently valid international regulations and laws that are applicable to our products as well as – if applicable - banned substances of our customers' prohibition lists, and they are continuously reviewed. All suppliers of Rittal are required to provide a binding confirmation that the aforementioned technical delivery conditions are complied with. According to our suppliers we confirm that none of the substances specified in the ECHA SVHC list are included in our products or do not exceed a maximum threshold limit value. With regard to all new parts, compliance with the technical delivery conditions is checked as essential part of the release within the scope of sampling.
- Additionally, we perform chemical analyses of selected materials / components on a random basis. Thus, we additionally check whether our requirements are complied with.

If, however, our examinations and/or any information provided by our suppliers indicate the nonconformity of the use of substances for which declaration is required or which are banned, we will immediately check alternatives and actively inform you as our customers.

Based on the aforementioned information / activities and according to the current state of our knowledge we confirm that our standard products as well as any preparations which we place on the market as dealer comply with the requirements of the REACH directive 1907/2006/EG and other applicable documents.

Should your inquiry about banned substances refer to substances other than those included in our technical delivery conditions, we will review these substances within the scope of our regular updates and included them into our list, if applicable. For this reason, we ask for your understanding that we are unable to provide you with individual confirmations regarding the substances in products.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jürgen Schnaubelt".

Herborn, 21/12/2011

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