

COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 1907/2006 EC "REACH"

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of CHemicals

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Dear Customer,

the REACH regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006 by the European Parliament became effective on 1st June 2007. Through a single regulatory act, it replaces most of the Community laws currently in force regarding chemical substances, and introduces a new integrated system for the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction thereof.

In particular, in the first stage the regulation requires the registration of all the substances produced or imported to the European Union area in a quantity equal to, or larger than, one ton a year. It sets greater responsibility on the European industry as regards managing hazards related to chemicals and the transmission of appropriate safety information to professional operators and, as regards the most hazardous substances, to consumers too.

The main purpose of the regulation is in fact to ensure greater protection and awareness for both people's health and for the environment.

On 1st June 2008, the REACH regulation entered its first operating stage (pre-registration): from that date until 1st December 2008, the companies that introduce chemicals in the European Union were able to send information to the European CHemical Agency (ECHA).

At present, plastic materials (polymer compounds) are not subject to mandatory registration and assessment, and the metals contained in ELESa products are not subject to mandatory pre-registration, either.

On 28th October 2008 ECHA published a "SVHC Candidate List" (Substances of Very High Concern Candidate List). Scientific literature is reporting evidence that these substances might have potential harmful effects, therefore they have been included in this list for further evaluation, at the end of which they might be subject to specific restrictions. This list is regularly updated by ECHA. The substances included in this list shall be reported to customers, and then to downstream users, by manufacturers of the preparations they are included in.

As a consequence the material users must adopt the measures for managing hazards related to dangerous substances listed in the manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheets.

As a plastic materials transformation company, therefore, **ELESa is not subject to any mandatory pre-registration or registration.** Following REACH Regulation ELESa is currently working with all the suppliers of raw materials having confirmation that all the requirements in terms of pre-registration or registrations have been fulfilled by the subjects upstream of the procurement chain and receiving the certifications required to ensure that raw materials are compliant with REACH Regulation and free from prohibited substances. Potential presence of substances included in the most updated SVHC Candidate List is also tracked, and specific information about each product is available on request.

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Best regards



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