

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) PLC

Your inquiry concerning REACH

Dear valued Customer,

Thank you very much for your inquiry regarding compliance with EC regulation 1907/2006 (REACH). Fuchs supports the aims of the REACH regulation and strives actively for the successful implementation. Our products shall continue to be available under REACH without any REACH induced changes in product characteristics or quality.

Generally FUCHS products are mixtures, only in few cases they are single substances. In close cooperation with our suppliers we have made sure that all substances in our products have been registered.

In order to ensure full REACH compliance of our raw materials, by the terms of delivery our suppliers are obliged to inform us at least 12 months in advance, in case the supply of a certain product shall be ceased or the product composition will change. As soon as such information is available we will inform our customers and take all necessary actions.

For mixtures, only registration numbers for hazardous ingredients must be indicated in section 3 of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). This information will be included in our Safety Data Sheets as soon as it becomes available to us.

The term "Substance of Very High Concern" (SVHC) describes hazardous substances that have been included in the Candidate list for Authorization. This inclusion does not automatically imply that the substance poses a risk in a specific use. Inclusion on the Candidate list may result in a need for an Authorization of the use at a later time, but it does not create any immediate limitations on use of the substance. However, the inclusion of a substance in the Candidate List triggers a number of obligations:

Article 31(1) REACH requires among others the supplier of a **substance** included in the "Candidate List" to provide the recipient with a safety data sheet or, in case of a **mixture**, to mention the respective substance in section 3, if the concentration in the mixture exceeds 0.1% (w/w).

Furthermore, Article 33 REACH requires the supplier of an **article** containing a substance included in the "Candidate List" in a concentration above 0.1 % (w/w) to provide the recipient in the EU with, as a minimum, the name of that substance.

As FUCHS products are not articles, but substances or mixtures, article 31 of REACH applies.

As soon as relevant new information becomes available, e.g. inclusion of new substances in the Candidate list, the safety data sheets of affected products will be updated accordingly.

We will automatically dispatch the updated versions to all customers under the scope of REACH, who obtained these products from us within the last twelve months.

By this procedure we will inform you immediately and comprehensively. Thus we hope that we can save you further enquiries concerning this matter.

Please contact your responsible sales representative, in case you would like to receive an updated version of a product Safety Data Sheet.

It is the declared goal of FUCHS to ensure our products will continue to be available without any REACH induced changes in products characteristics or quality. However, as a formulator we are a downstream user and therefore highly dependent on our suppliers. In the event that there will be unavoidable changes in product characteristics or supply availability we confirm that we will inform our customers at the earliest possible time and take all necessary actions to find an adequate solution.

In case you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,



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