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The REACH Directive

The EU REACH regulations (EC 1907/2006) came into force on 1st June 2007. The European Union (EU) established REACH, as an integrated system for the **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and restriction of **C**hemicals.

REACH requires firms which manufacture and import chemicals to evaluate the risks to human health and the environment resulting from the use of those chemicals and to take the necessary steps to manage any identified risk.

Annex XIV lists those Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) that will be banned unless authorisation for use is obtained. These SVHCs are selected from the Candidate List of SVHCs.

In a press release, dated 15 January 2018, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) announced that seven new substances would be identified as an SVHCs under REACH regulation (EC) 1907/2006. The ECHA candidate list of substances that could be included into Annex XIV is, therefore, extended from 174 to 181 substances. In addition the BPA entry was updated.

Under the structure of the REACH regulations, Renishaw is deemed to be a manufacturer and supplier of "articles" and as such Renishaw had an obligation to provide information to the customer if a Renishaw product contains one or more SVHCs each in a concentration greater than 0.1% by weight of the complex product.

However on 10th September 2015 a judgement was made by the EU Court of Justice that all articles incorporated as components in a complex product are individually covered by the information obligations.

In addition, Annex XVII sets out the list of restrictions on the manufacture, placement on the market and use of certain dangerous chemical substances, mixtures and articles. The Annex contains the restrictions of the marketing and use of dangerous substances adopted since 1976 in the framework of Directive 76/769/EEC, as well as subsequent restrictions adopted under REACH.

Analysis of our product range continues as new SVHCs are identified and new products added to Renishaw's portfolio. In the event of a controlled substance being detected our customers will be informed.



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