

To the customers of Kautex Textron GmbH & Co. KG

Declaration of REACH-Conformity

Kautex is a supplier of articles which are manufactured by using pre-products and partial products and chemical substances. Hence, in terms of the REACH regulation, Kautex is only a downstream user of chemical substances.

The REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 requires suppliers of articles to communicate information about substances in these articles that have been identified as substances of very high concern (SVHCs).

According to Article 33(1) of REACH, suppliers of articles (*"an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition"*) must inform the recipients of articles about identified SVHCs contained in these articles, including articles as such and articles in a complex object, above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w). Suppliers must provide sufficient information, as available to them, to allow safe use of the articles including, at minimum, the name of SVHC. All substances identified as SVHCs are listed in the so called Candidate List (see website of the European Chemicals Agency - ECHA: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>), to which further substances are usually added twice per year. Suppliers should inform the recipients of an article that contains a newly identified SVHC above 0.1% (w/w) as soon as this substance has been included in the Candidate list.

Kautex as a downstream user requires its suppliers:

- To submit notifications concerning SVHCs in articles to ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) no later than 6 months after inclusion of the substance in the Candidate List (Article 7(2) of the reach regulation) if SVHC is included in their articles.
- To refrain from using Substances included in Annex XIV of the REACH-Regulation, Authorization list: <https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>
- To refrain from using substances subject to restrictions stipulated in accordance with COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/2096 of 15 December 2020 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), as regards carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive toxicant (CMR) substances, devices covered by Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council, persistent organic pollutants, certain liquid substances or mixtures, nonylphenol and testing methods for azocolourants.

1. Kautex supplies products that are compliant with the requirements of the REACH regulation.
2. Kautex urges its suppliers to meet the requirements and requires respective warrants from the suppliers. Notwithstanding, Kautex has only limited measures to monitor the compliance with these obligations.
3. With regard to SVHC in products supplied, Kautex will:
 - Together with the first delivery of a product, provide the necessary information according to Article 33(1) of REACH concerning this product.
 - Monitor the public discussions and consultations concerning the selection of substances as SVHCs and provide for each SVHC the necessary information according to Article 33(1) of REACH-regulation before or at the latest within due time after the final decision of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on including the substance on the candidate list, this will also apply to products which have been supplied in the previous 6 months.
 - Notify immediately once Kautex obtains new information according to Article 33(1) of REACH-regulation

In order to fulfill these obligations, Kautex will gather information according to Article 33(1) of REACH-regulation regarding the content of SVHC > 0,1 % in its products and on the safe use of the products from all sources available, in particular from its own suppliers.

Kautex will take care that its products do not contain SVHCs from ECHA candidate list. Kautex will notify and agree on necessary changes of the products in due time.

4. Kautex will use in its products, substances only in line with the requirements of Authorization (Annex XIV of REACH regulation) and restrictions (Annex XVII of REACH regulation).

Within due time Kautex will safeguard that substances which are intended for authorization or restriction are not contained in products supplied. Kautex will notify and agree on necessary changes of the products in due time.

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