

REACH regulation 1907/2006/EG: declaration of compliance.

Galvano Hengelo recognizes the importance of the REACH regulation to improve the protection of human health and the environment through better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances and we are pro-active in the follow-up of our obligations. Under the REACH regulation Galvano Hengelo is a downstream user which is any natural or legal person established within the Community, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who uses a substance, either on its own or in a preparation, in the course of his industrial or professional activities.

The obligation to inform according to article 33 from REACH is in fact not applicable for Galvano Hengelo, however we think it is important to inform our customers about the status of our activities regarding REACH.

Registration and evaluation were the first steps, all our suppliers were informed about the way we use their substances, in which specific plating process and for which specific purpose. We requested them to register these substances for the intended use at ECHA (European Chemicals Agency). An obvious step as both Galvano Hengelo and our suppliers (partially) exist by these processes and continuity of our company-activities has to be secured.

Suppliers provide us with information about the substances through MSDS's (Material Safety Data Sheets). With these the risks and exposure scenarios are given so we can take appropriate measures to use these substances on a responsible and safe way for our employees and the environment. However, the substances we use can still be SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern), when these substances are present in a concentration above 0.1 (W) % the supplier has to give us sufficient information for the safe use of these substances. This obligation applies from the moment the substance is on the "candidate list", the list on which the substances are present which are nominated as possible SVHC substance.

Worldwide and also in the EU there are number of applications in which SVHC substances are present and still no (suitable) alternatives are available. There are different levels and "sunset dates", the date on which possible restrictions apply to a substance. We put maximum effort in replacing these substances where possible and at least before the applicable sunset date (if any).

The substances and preparations which we use in our processes are raw- and auxiliary materials and by definition will not be present in a similar state in the (metallic) coatings we apply. We declare hereby that the substances mentioned in the candidate list with substances of very high concern are not, or in a concentration below 0.1(W) %, present in the coatings applied by Galvano Hengelo.

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