



INFORMATION ABOUT SUBSTANCES IN ARTICLES ACCORDING TO REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 ARTICLE 33

On October 29, 2008 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published the first version of a

[Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation](#)

which includes substances which on a request by the European Commission, the ECHA or one of the EU Member States shall be considered of „very high concern“ according to the criteria of Article 57 of the Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 and which are to be evaluated to determine if they shall become subject to authorisation regarding their applications according to Article 59 of the Regulation.

An extended list including substances for which such a request is intended is published under

[Registry of intentions for Annex XV dossiers](#)

The registration of a substance in one of these two lists means at present neither a ban nor restrictions on the use of that substance.

However, after registration of a substance in the Candidate List, Article 33 of the Regulation requires that any supplier of an article containing that substance in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w) shall inform the recipient of the article of the name of that substance and, if necessary, provide sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article.

● Use of DEHP

Meeting these obligations, we would like to inform our customers that some of our roller coverings contain the substance Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w). In any case a corresponding indication will be placed on our invoices.

For many years, DEHP has been a common component of elastomer articles wherein it is bound to the elastomer matrix. Under normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use DEHP is not released.

Under normal conditions of use there is also no isolated transition of DEHP to the human body or to the environment. According to the current regulation of the Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (German Fed. Institute of Risk Evaluation) DEHP is even permitted up to a certain degree in roller coverings having indirect or short-term contact with food.

In some of our roller coverings DEHP has already been replaced by substances which have been considered as uncritical hitherto. We are and will be gradually replacing DEHP without affecting adversely the distinctive properties of our compounds.

We permanently and carefully keep an eye on the Candidate List to assess changes. If there are any obligations resulting from those changes, we will inform our customers in due time.

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