

## REACH LEGISLATION INFOLETTER, version 2008-11-11

Dear Customer,

The new European chemical legislation known as REACH entered into force on 1 June 2007. Galvano Hengelo B.V. supports the objectives of REACH and intends to be fully compliant with the legislation. From 1 June 2008 until 30 November 2008 a process known as substance 'Pre-Registration' will take place.

We have contacted our supply chain to ensure that all substances used to manufacture the articles we supply will continue to be available. We currently have no indications of substances likely to be withdrawn, and therefore to the best of our knowledge, the supply of articles from Galvano Hengelo B.V. is unaffected by the pre-Registration.

### Use of substances

Over the next decade there will be a phased Registration process for chemical substances, with the first set taking place before December 2010 for high tonnage volume materials and substances of very high concern (SVHC). The first list of SVHC's from 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 shows exactly 1 substance that is used by Galvano Hengelo and that is Sodium Dichromate. This substance is only used in passivation treatment for some specific Stainless Steel Alloys when treated according to ASTM A 967 and QQ-P-35 (among others). Research for exact concentrations and/or application of alternatives will take place as soon as possible and by mutual agreement with concerning customers.

Subsequent Registration dates are June 2013 and June 2018 for lower volume substances. While it is not possible to predict the exact situation with regard to the continued supply of all raw materials over a prolonged period we are working with our suppliers to ensure uninterrupted availability of our products suitable for your uses. In the future, if we find that any of our suppliers do not intend to register their substances and hence withdraw them from the market, we will inform you and work towards making the necessary substitutions.

A number of Technical Guidance Documents published by the European Commission which will provide information about the implementation of REACH. At the appropriate time Galvano Hengelo B.V. intends to ensure that the use(s) of our products defined in the Product Data Sheets are included in the relevant substance Registrations. If you consider your application of our products to be outside these uses, then we may need further information from you in due course.

Galvano Hengelo B.V. is fully aware of all the legislative requirements of REACH and is working hard towards their implementation. If you require any further information about our activities in this area, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for additional details.

Yours faithfully

Galvano Hengelo B.V.

A.R. Smit  
Technical manager  
[smit@galvanohengelo.nl](mailto:smit@galvanohengelo.nl)