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REACH Regulations & Compliance

The Regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006 (REACH) came into force in June 2007. Specific to regulating Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), article 33 of REACH requires manufacturers and importers in the EU to provide communications to EU recipients as to the contents of these chemicals and safe use instruction. Annex XVII came into force on June 1st 2009, and concerns Restrictions on the Manufacture, Placing on the Market and Use of certain Dangerous Substances, Preparations and Articles.

As a Plastics components manufacturer, G&B Projects are a "downstream user" and are not subject to any registration obligations whatsoever. The products supplied by G&B Projects are defined as articles with regards to REACH, and because of that, they are also not subject to registration. Our products do not contain any substances that are intended to be released, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use.

The main responsibility of the downstream user is communication along the supply chain. Article 33 of REACH obliges us to inform our customers of the presence of any SVHC in concentrations greater than 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) in any of our products. These SVHC substances are defined in the 'Candidate List', the most recent update of which can be viewed at:

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp

With regard to the duty of information along the supply chain, we remain in close contact with our suppliers. As such we have requested that they inform us in writing and without delay, of any products supplied to us that contain any SVHC in concentrations exceeding 0.1% w/w. Should any of our products meet these conditions, we will inform you immediately.

According to our current information, we assume that none of our product, nor its packaging, contain any Substances for which the duty to inform as per article 33 of the REACH Regulations would be relevant, and that we comply with the use restrictions as stipulated in Annex XVII of REACH.

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