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GTS Circular No. R0136

REACH – form for submitting substance use!

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the GTS circular R0115 of 31/07/2008, we informed you in detail about the tasks you would need to fulfil as a user or supplier of spray materials in compliance with the REACH regulation. The key message focussed on the need to record the application of the substances you use in a safety data sheet (after completing registration), that is, the so-called **identified use** of these substances. In order to ensure this, the manufacturer or importer must of course be familiar with the material.

According to Article 37 of the REACH regulation, it is not an absolute must that the manufacturer, importer or downstream user who supplies the substance be informed about its use. However, only then will he be in a position to compile an exposition scenario or, if need be, a use and exposition catalogue in his chemical safety assessment.

Coating businesses and powder suppliers should therefore immediately inform their powder manufacturers about the application for which their spray materials are used. The importance of this step becomes clear when looking at the subsequent time line. If the use is not listed in the safety data sheets, the user will be forced to act. Within six months (of receipt of the substance), he must notify the authority ECHA (European Chemical Agency) about the matter and must compile his own substance safety report within a further six months at the latest. Moreover, the user himself must bear the very high costs of this procedure.

In the download section of the GTS homepage, you will find the relevant form to help you submit this important data to your manufacturers or suppliers. You will also find a link to the original ECHA guidance documents in which possible details regarding **SU / Sector of use category, PC / Chemical product category, PROC / Process category, ERC / Environmental release category, AC / Article Category** are defined. In an effort to simplify your search, we have highlighted the essential and most significant

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points, from our point of view, in separate excerpts. These lists are also available in the download section of the GTS homepage. However, we would like to stress that these are merely suggestions which do not necessarily always apply to all applications.

Please also note:

It is advisable to keep the information you submit as general as possible. Do not go into too much detail. This prevents the number of scenarios from becoming too excessive and ensures that several applications are covered. You must fill in a separate form for each substance and send it to your material manufacturer or supplier as soon as possible. In order to mark your respective SU, PC, PROC and ERC information, simply click the small box in front of the description in the form.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Werner Krömmel'.

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The form and further annexes can be found in the download section of the GTS homepage at **www.gts-ev.de**:

- GTS Form for submitting substance use
- ECHA-Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system
- Table SU
- Table PROC
- Table PC
- Table ERC