

REACH: Information on substances in articles

Roles

The activities of Enics Schweiz AG correspond to the roles of a *downstream user*, *producer* and *supplier* of *articles* (words in italics refer to the definitions in article 3 of EC 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals [REACH]).

We supply exclusively non-chemical *articles* to our customers and in addition no substance contained in the *articles* is intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. Therefore Enics Schweiz AG has generally no obligation to register anything or to establish safety data sheets.

Associated with the role of a *supplier* of *articles* is an information duty according article 33 of the directive mentioned above, if certain conditions are met. In the negative case no information is required but may be helpful for customers. The subject of article 33 (57 respectively) are compounds to be included in annex XIV (substances of very high concern, see note 1).

Information

As far as determined by Enics the *articles* produced by Enics do not fulfil the criteria defined in articles 33 and 57. We closely follow the development in this field and will inform our customers immediately should the situation change.

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Article 33

Duty to communicate information on substances in articles

1. Any supplier of an article containing a substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w) shall provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article including, as a minimum, the name of that substance.
2. On request by a consumer any supplier of an article containing a substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w) shall provide the consumer with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article including, as a minimum, the name of that substance. The relevant information shall be provided, free of charge, within 45 days of receipt of the request.

Note 1

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_en.asp, last update 2010-03-30, 30 candidates