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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

REACH

Safe chemical substance handling

In July 2007, the European Union's REACH Regulation reformed chemicals legislation in Europe. This EC Regulation No. 1907/2006 governs the registration, evaluation, authorization, and restriction of chemicals. REACH affects all players in the supply chain – from manufacturers, processors, and dealers to end users of chemical substances. It applies to virtually all chemical substances, irrespective of whether they have hazardous properties or not.

Articles are only affected by REACH if they release substances or contain substances causing particular concern.

Since the REACH Regulation came into effect, LANXESS has submitted approximately 1,000 substance dossiers to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki in due time in three phases (2010, 2013, and 2018). All information about LANXESS substances required for registration were identified, and production and all applications were systematically evaluated.

Registration of polymers

The REACH obligation to register does not apply to polymers. Instead, the monomer components forming the polymers need to be registered, which is the responsibility of the monomer manufacturer.

When polymers are imported into the EU, the polymer importer needs to register their monomer components, provided these make up two or more percentage points of the polymer weight and the total imported volume of the monomer exceeds one metric ton per year.

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Additives used for the production of polymer products have to be registered if the imported quantity exceeds one metric ton per year.

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For the production of polymer products LANXESS is using solely raw materials registered by its manufacturer or importer.

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Yours sincerely,

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