

Dear Customer,

The new EU chemicals policy REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals) came into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

Johnson Matthey Colour Technologies has responded to many customer enquiries regarding this legislation; this letter summarises our progress to date.

There are many web sites containing detailed information on REACH, we would also recommend you visit the European Chemicals Agency site, <http://echa.europa.eu>.

Johnson Matthey is supporting REACH at a corporate and strategic business unit level, our remit extends beyond our organisation. As a market leader we are participating in several working committees, which include, among others, REACH Consortia for frits and for inorganic pigments, Eurometaux and the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC).

The initial stage of REACH focuses on the registration of substances where the total manufactured, or imported quantities into the European Union, exceed 1000 Kg. Industry has had until December 2008 to pre-register phase-in substances. Pre-registration is an essential step towards registration. Our current status with regards to REACH can be summarised as follows:

- We have pre-registered all substances we produce
- We have registered the substance frits, chemicals (CAS 65997-18-4, EINECS 266-047-6). Its registration number is 01-2119548361-42-0006. Note that frits are partly exempted from registration under Annex V, paragraph 11 of the Regulation
- We will register all other relevant substances before their respective registration deadlines
- Raw materials used in products we supply have been pre-registered and have been or will be registered, depending on their quantity and hazards
- We have stopped production of products containing Bis (2-ethyl(hexyl)phthalate) (DEHP) and dibutyl phtalate (DBP), which are considered substances of very high concern (SVHC). Our policy is aimed at avoiding the use of SVHC as much as possible in our products. The current candidate list can be found at the ECHA website:  
[http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/authorisation\\_process/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp)
- We will inform you as soon as any of the above changes, should this be relevant to your business

Although Johnson Matthey is well prepared for REACH, this legislation keeps evolving, therefore the scope and impact of this legislation is still a matter for speculation and beyond our control.

Going forward, the legislation will require further cooperation between customers and suppliers (e.g. on the use of our substances). We appreciate your support in this matter and look forward to working with you.

This information and further news updates can be seen on our website:  
[www.colour.matthey.com](http://www.colour.matthey.com).

The person responsible for matters concerning REACH is:

Mr. Mark Heijl

Manager EH&S

Email address: [reach@matthey.com](mailto:reach@matthey.com)

Tel: +31 43 3525400

Fax: +31 43 3525555

Kind regards,

Johnson Matthey Colour Technologies