

REACH REGULATION (EC) No. 1907/2006 Registration and SVHC

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MANUFACTURER CERTIFICATE

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Manufacturer certificate concerning REACH

Definition

Hereby we would like to inform you about the REACH implementations at Fluidics Instruments BV. The following statements are related to all our products.

Pre - Registration

On December 1st 2008 the pre – registration period ended. For us as producers of articles (we are in all cases downstream users) exists no obligation of registration of any of our products. We have already informed all suppliers of concern about the use of their products. In this context we have advised them of the necessity of registration and their responsibility in the supply chain. We are now depending on their proceeding.

For supervision and confirmation we do a periodical review of our suppliers. Although their responses are not yet complete we can state today that we do not fear any delivery bottleneck caused by missing pre – registration. There will be, however, a possibility due to REACH that a limited number of special formulations (additives or auxiliary substances) might no longer be offered due to potential raw material restrictions. In any case we have alternatives available.

Where our suppliers have given their statements as a letter of intention this is not legally binding. We are sure you will understand that we ourselves can not sign a legally binding document on such a basis.

<u>SVHC</u>

A first official candidate list of "Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)" has been published on the website of the European Chemicals Agency on October 28th, 2008 (<u>http://echa.europa.eu</u>).

Special duty to give information of the SVHC content in products follows from article 33 of the REACH regulation, as products had not been covered by the old chemical legislation even if they might contain hazardous substances.

Based on our analysis none of our products contains substances from the actual candidate list as part of our recipe list. In case that any of additives or auxiliary substances would contain SVHC constituents, they would definitely occur in our products below the limit of 0.1 % weight by weight, as mentioned in the regulation.

Thus you have now all needed information available concerning substances as listed in the SVHC candidate list related to our products.

It goes without saying that we will fulfil all legal obligations of information under REACH in future.

According to the information you received so far and to our own investigations, we assume that the packaging of our products also does not contain any of the sub-stances included in the candidate list in a concentration above 0.1 % weight by weight. Should we receive contrary information – which we do not expect – we will advise you immediately.