

REACH Declaration of Conformity

The EU REACH Regulation defines obligations to communicate information about the use of chemicals within the supply chain. Accordingly, we would like to provide you with this information as required by the REACH Regulation.

You source what are known as **'conventional abrasives'** from us, which are defined as **articles** by the REACH legislation¹. As a supplier of articles, we are required to inform you about potential **Substances of Very High Concern**², where any such substance is included in the products you source from us at a concentration of more than 0.1 percent. A Candidate List of officially designated Substances of Very High Concern has been published by the European Chemicals Agency and is updated on a regular basis.

We monitor updates to this List very closely. If a substance present at a concentration greater than 0.1 percent in the products that you source from us should be determined to be a Substance of Very High Concern in the future, we will automatically notify you of this according to the REACH protocol.

Furthermore, REACH also requires producers of articles to register substances in their articles if such a substance is intentionally released while the article is being used. **However, there is no intentional release of substances during the use of abrasive products**¹. As a producer of articles, we are therefore not required to register substances in our products.

The use of REACH-compliant safety data sheets is not prescribed for abrasives when considered as articles. Nonetheless, the abrasives manufacturers who are members of the European Federation (FEPA) have decided to supply their industry customers with information that is relevant for health and safety in the workplace by providing a set of **voluntary product information leaflets based on the safety data sheet format**.

You can also be assured of the fact that **we are familiar with the changes in the law introduced by REACH and we fulfil the duties imposed on us by REACH at all times**. This also means that we communicate the relevant information within our own supply chains and, as a downstream user, take steps to ensure that our own suppliers provide us only with raw materials, additives and process materials that are fully REACH-compliant. We will make every effort to ensure that all of our products continue to be available to you as our customer.

Windeck, 7 December 2020

¹ This corresponds to the position of the Federation of European Producers of Abrasives (FEPA).

² These include substances classified as a carcinogen, mutagen or reproductive toxicant (CMR) in category 1 or 2.