

Summary of the REACH-Regulation

Dear Ettinger-customers,

On Dec. 30, 2006, the so-called REACH-Regulation was published for the first time. A revised version was published on May 29, 2007, and finally passed as regulation (EC) 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and Council on Dec. 16, 2008.

The reason for this regulation is to specify potentially hazardous chemical substances, to minimize their production and application, and – in as far as this may be inevitable – to re-iterate their origin and the processes they went through. The substances in question are PBT/vPvB* - substances which can be found in chemical compounds. Die REACH-Regulation commits manufacturers, processors and importers to register the content of these substances with ECHA (European chemicals agency).

According to the REACH guidelines, being a trading firm, Ettinger GmbH is required only to pass on information within the supply chain.

This means that Ettinger GmbH will ask the supplying manufacturers or processors about the REACH-conformity and the respective labelling of the products.

The result of the manufacturer- and supplier information is added to each product specification.

However, the REACH-certification merely confirms that the basic components are within the REACH Regulation's range of tolerance but does not state whether or not they are free of the substances in question.

For further information about the REACH-Regulation, see the following links:

<http://www.reach-info.de>

<http://www.reach-helpdesk.de>

<http://echa.europa.eu>

Sincerely yours,
ETTINGER GmbH

*PBT-substances = Persistent (P), bio-accumulative (B) and toxic (T) substances
vPvB-substances = Persistent (P), bio-accumulative (B) substances