



## Technical Textiles

Dear customer,

As you will undoubtedly know, the REACH regulation 1907/2006 came into force on June 1st 2007. REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) affects all industries. The objective of REACH is to improve the knowledge about the properties of chemical substances and the risks related to their use. Full implementation of all REACH measures is set by the European administration over the next 11 years.

With this statement we would like to inform you about the position of Beaulieu Technical Textiles in respect of the REACH-regulation. All measures are in place to ensure REACH compliancy. We will continue our efforts in monitoring further developments in the REACH-regulation as well as in assuring further compliance in this matter.

Beaulieu Technical Textiles is a textile (=article) manufacturer and a downstream user of “substances” and “preparations” (dyestuffs/chemicals). In order to perform our duty regarding REACH we are taking the following actions.

As a downstream user of dyestuffs and chemicals, we are not responsible for the (pre)registration of these chemicals, nor for the risk assessment. However, we have to make sure that our suppliers know the applications we use their products for (identified uses). Therefore we are in close co-operation with our suppliers to monitor their progress and measures for REACH compliancy. We also made an inventory of our dyestuffs/chemicals, which enables us to react rapidly to any change in the supply chain.

Our textile products are “articles” and are therefore not submitted to any registration obligations, except for the intended released chemical substances (not included in our article range). Secondly, the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) will publish, on a regular basis, a list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) on the Candidate list ([http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp)). All required communications are uniquely linked to this official list. Whenever one of our articles (textile products) contains such a substance, above 0.1 % (w/w), we will communicate about these chemicals to our clients.

Besides, Beaulieu Technical Textiles will start an active search for an alternative solution for the used substances on the Candidate list. Additionally, our textile products comply to all the restrictions, as mentioned in annex XVII of the Reach-regulation. Based upon our own and our (European and non-European) suppliers’ current knowledge, we can inform that we do not use any of these substances.

We are convinced that we have informed you of our REACH approach. We will continue to inform you on the further progress towards full REACH compliancy.

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We also trust that our statement is an answer to all your enquiries, questionnaires and concerns related to REACH within the framework of our collaboration. However, we are at your disposal for any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

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