

Self-declaration to certify the implementation of the REACH regulation and ROHS

The REACH Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, as last amended on 7 December 2013 governs the use of chemicals and, more particularly, of hazardous substances. Other regulations to be observed include RoHS "Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment" and its amendments especially DIRECTIVE (EU) 2015/863 which was published on 31 March 2015 with its fields of application and exceptions applicable to the design and implementation of components intended for electrical and electronic equipment. All legislation and guidelines in their latest edition and with the current threshold values are respected.

Hazardous substances or such of high concern are not used in our processes and are not part of our products, except in very small natural concentration. In almost all of our products, the content of substances giving rise to concern is less than 0.1 weight percent. In exceptional cases of optical glasses, please refer to the appendix to Directive 2011/65/EU. On request, we will forward you, a data sheet for glasses containing lead.

Some exceptions expire in the period 2021 to 2024, for example for lead in white optical glass and lead in alloys, depending on the use of the material. We are developing alternative solutions and inform you as soonest.

According to the data available to us, none of our products would cause any relevant release of hazardous substances in any foreseeable use known to us.

Please inform us, should you have any experience of the release of hazardous substances or such of very high concern. Your feedback will be considered in our risk evaluations in compliance with REACH and ROHS.

Optical glasses are not suitable for regular glass recycling. Due to their physical and chemical properties, even glasses containing lead are not to be treated as dangerous, but can be disposed as regular commercial waste.


Furthermore, we hereby declare the following:

1. We are keeping track of and evaluate every change in the legislation concerning this area so as to adapt our activities accordingly.
2. We will immediately inform you about any action taken with regard to any of the products you order, or, where this is useful, coordinate any such action with you in advance.
3. All substances used in our production are either not subject to registration, or have been registered or pre-registered by us or our suppliers. You will not have to assume the role of an importer into the EU in any case.
4. Please inform us, if you have any specific application you believe should be registered within the scope of REACH. It is important to us to understand the use and the consequences arising from it..

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