

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

The REACH Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation 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 or its successor regulation (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 respect the latest issues and threshold values.

Hazardous substances or such of high concern are not used in our processes and not be part of our products except in very small natural concentration. In by far the predominant part of our products, the content of substances giving rise to concern is less than 0.1 weight percent. For the exceptions in the case of optical glasses, please refer to the appendix to Directive 2011/65/EU. We send you, if necessary, a data sheet for lead containing glasses. Some exceptions are ending, par example for lead in white optical glass and lead in alloys, between 2021 to 2024, depending on the use of the material. We are working on solutions and inform you as soon as possible.

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.

If you should have any knowledge indicating that the use you make of our products would allow any release of substances which are hazardous or of very high concern, please let us know. We consider these data in our risk evaluations and when fulfilling our obligations within the scope of REACH.

Optical glasses are not suitable for normal glass recycling. But because of their physical and chemical properties even lead containing glasses are no dangerous waste and can disposed as normal 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 your products purchased from us, or, where this is useful, coordinate any such action with you even in advance.
3. All substances used by us are either not subject to registration, or have been registered or pre-registered by us or by our suppliers. You will not have to assume the role of an importer into the EU in any case.
4. If you have any specific use for your products which should be registered within the scope of REACH, please let us know so that we come to an understanding about any such use and the consequences arising therefrom.

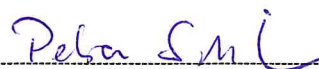
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