

REACH



Information

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In 2007, the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) issued with REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) a regulation in order to ensure a high level of protection for human health and the environment. It regulates EU-wide the import, the manufacturing as well as the use of metals among others and strengthens the industry's responsibility for the safe handling with its manufactured goods.

Substances subject to authorisation

Substances considered as particularly hazardous for human health and the environment can be subject to an authorisation procedure. The European Chemical Agency periodically publishes a „Candidate List“ of these substances. You can find this list of substances for authorisation under the following link:

<https://echa.europa.eu/de/candidate-list-table>

OTTO FUCHS checks the content of the Candidate List steadily. Lead metal has been included in the Candidate List of „Substances of Very High Concern“ (SVHC) on 27.06.2018. Lead as an alloy constituent in a concentration of above 0,1 (w/w) is present in some articles of OTTO FUCHS‘ product range. Our company OTTO FUCHS meets its information obligation according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation and towards its customers.

However, the inclusion of lead in this SVHC list does not mean that this substance is subject to a registration or authorisation and above all that it is forbidden. Nevertheless, should it come to an authorisation requirement for lead, a transitional period applies until the year 2024.

Safety data sheets

There is no legal requirement for the provision of safety data sheets for articles like rods, tubes as well as for profiles, forging and turned parts made from them, especially if the risks when handling with lead-based materials are controllable. Nevertheless, the appropriate information sheets will be provided upon request.

Articles

The semi-finished products (Tubes, rods, profiles) manufactured by OTTO FUCHS and the further processed forging and turned parts are regarded as articles within the REACH Regulation.

Waste and REACH

Scrap metals and swarf do not fall under the REACH Regulation. They are waste according to Directive 2006/12/EC on waste and they are subject to the EU Waste Legislation.

