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## REACH & Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA – USA)

Customer Information – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

The introduction of European chemical substances law REACH (Registration Evaluation Authorization of Chemicals) on June 1, 2007, (and Commission regulations (EU) 2017/999 of 13th June 2017 amending annex XIV to this regulation – (EC) no 1907/2006), define a number of requirements and responsibilities.

These regulations include the responsibility of manufacturers and importers of chemicals for the secure handling of their substances. Manufacturers and importers are required to register substances (chemicals). At Technical Foam Services Ltd, we process substances in the course of our industrial foam production. This gives us the role of a downstream user, and we can confirm that all our raw materials are fully REACH compliant.

This is in accordance to the latest **ECHA SVHC** list updated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022, which has seen the addition of the following 1 substance taking the list up to 231 substances :

- **N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide**

In addition to REACH, on 6 January 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 6 (h).

In this act, the EPA imposes restrictions on persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic substances (PBTs).

In addition to a ban on use, the presence of these substances must be communicated along the supply chain, similar to REACH.

As of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 2022, respectively, this regulation affects the following five substances:

- Phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1))
- pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP)
- 2,4,6-Tris(tert-butyl)phenol (2,4,6-TTBP)
- Hexachlorobutadiene (HCBd)
- decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE)

This also affects products in which these substances are used during production and the manufacturing process and thus contain traces. The US EPA has also announced an expansion of the number of regulated substances in the future.





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**Note :-** The use of these substances is not regulated in 1907/2006/EC (REACH) and 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2)

As with REACH, Technical Foam Services can confirm that all our raw materials are fully TSCA compliant.

If there are any changes to our situation, we will advise you accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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Business Manager

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