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Complying with REACH regulations

Legislation on the use of chemicals in the European Union (EU) was streamlined and improved on December 18, 2006. On that date, REACH legislation became law (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals).

There is now a greater responsibility placed on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to health and the environment. REACH applies to most common substances used in day-to-day life.

From the very beginning, Avery Dennison anticipated the likely impact of REACH on its manufacturing operations. A key priority was to ensure a smooth transition, complying with all relevant aspects of new regulations and avoiding any disruption to customer supplies.

As a downstream user of chemicals, Avery Dennison MG-E Graphics Solutions Europe collaborates closely with all suppliers to both achieve and maintain REACH compliance. This includes ongoing monitoring of pre-registration for all substances in its products, and the registration by the set deadlines.

Avery Dennison notifies customers and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) if a substance of very high concern (SVHC) has been put on the REACH Candidate List and if it is present in one of its articles in concentrations above 0,1% (w/w). Avery Dennison also notifies customers who are purchasing these products, or who have already purchased them. Notifications take place every time additional chemicals are added to the list.

According to REACH article 33 we provide information to our customers on products containing Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) (revision 12 January 2017) over a limit of 0.1% (w/w). If you have any questions, please contact your Avery Dennison representative.

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