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## **UPM MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS OF REACH**

UPM meets all the set requirements of REACH and welcomes REACH as a positive development in streamlining EU chemical legislation. UPM has actively worked with CEPI and national associations to make sure that all necessary steps are taken to fulfil the requirements of REACH.

UPM is mainly a 'downstream-user' of chemicals and has taken the necessary steps to make sure that all our chemical suppliers are aware of the REACH requirements.

UPM's main raw materials (e.g. wood, fillers and coating pigments nor chemical and mechanical pulp) are not included in REACH according to the current legislation and do not need to be registered. PCC, used as filler in paper production, is included in REACH and it has been pre-registered by the suppliers.

The by-products and intermediates of chemical pulping have been pre-registered and will be registered as required by REACH.

UPM products are not to be considered "substances" under REACH, nor do they have a risk that compounds of very high concerns are contained on a concentration level which result in needs of registration on "preparations/articles" level.

### **REACH:**

EU Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) is the new European chemicals legislation that came into force in June 2007. REACH aims to promote sustainable development by improving the protection of human health and environment

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