

## POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING REACH THE REGISTRATION, EVALUATION AND AUTHORISATION OF CHEMICALS:

We would like to assure our customers that UPM Raflatac fulfils all the set requirements of REACH.

UPM Raflatac is a 'downstream-user' of chemicals and we have taken the necessary steps to make sure that all our chemical suppliers are aware of the REACH<sup>1</sup> requirements.

Polymers, biocides and waste are currently exemptions from REACH.

Self-adhesive laminates are not considered 'substances' under REACH, but are classed as articles<sup>2</sup>.

UPM Raflatac continues to meet the requirements for notification regarding substances of very high concern (SVHC) under article 7 of the REACH legislation, should any SVHC be present in concentrations greater than 0.1% (w/w).

All our raw material suppliers are aware of the candidate list and there are systems in place to prevent the use of these chemicals in any new products or formulations. UPM Raflatac will actively follow any additions to the candidate list.

## 1. 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.

## 2. Article

An article is the legal term under REACH for any object that has been given a specific shape, surface or design so that it can be used for a specific purpose (e.g. manufactured goods such as cars, textiles, electronic chips).

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