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EU REACH SVHC
OFFICIAL STATEMENT

REGULATION (EC) NO 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18th December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC

This is to confirm the status of Zotefoams flame retarded products (including the AZOTE® product ranges Plastazote® FR and FM and Evazote® FR) regarding the EC Regulation EC/1907/2006 and all amendments to date, also known as REACH regulation.

The REACH legislation has been implemented in a phased manner between 2008 and 2016. In simple terms REACH requires chemicals to be registered, evaluated, and authorised to ensure safety for consumers.

Polymers, the base material for all our foam products, are excluded from REACH. Therefore, the major exposure for us and our customers are the pigments for colours, crosslinking agents, flame retardants and other functional additives.

'Substances of very high concern', as identified in the REACH regulations, must be registered by November 2010. These are substances which are identified as being:

- CMR (Carcinogen, Mutagen or Toxic for Reproduction Cat 1 or 2)
- PBT (Persistent & Bioaccumulative & Toxic) or
- vPvT (Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative & Toxic)
- Substances of equivalent level of concern

The above mentioned products contain Antimony trioxide (CAS 1309-64-4), a category 2 carcinogen. Antimony trioxide has been registered by our suppliers for uses in polymers and as such the above mentioned products are compliant with the requirements of the legislation.

As "Downstream users" of any chemical compounds our responsibilities are:

- **Providing suppliers with the information when needed on the use of our products.**
- **Getting information from our customers on the use of our products to inform our suppliers.**

We are continuing discussion of the implications of REACH with our suppliers to ensure continued supply of all products.

We trust that the above statement is sufficient, however if any further information or clarification is required then please do not hesitate to contact the Technical Support group at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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