## REACH Customer information hawa



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Since 1 June 2008 a new law of chemicals is effective in the EU that concerns besides the manufacturer/importer the so-called downstream users and end-consumer.

The regulation no. 1907/2006 is about the safe utilization of chemicals, their registration, evaluation, approval and restriction.

REACH's main goal is the protection of the human health and environment.

An inquiry to the Federal Agency for Industrial Health and Safety, as the competent authority for chemicals/Admission Office for biocides of summer 2008 yielded the following results: The products distributed by häwa are according to the definition commodities according to the definition in article 3 no.3 of the regulation. A pre-registration is according to article 7 paragraph 1 of the regulation not relevant, since there are no hazardous substances released. Häwa functions as downstream user within the supply chain therefore, the obligation of pre-registration because of manufacturing or placing substances or chemicals on the market does not apply.

Another point of the REACH regulation are the information channels according to article 31, 32, as well as 34, 37, within the supply chain. Thus, have asked all relevant suppliers of substances or compounds to control the pre-registration and to execute these if necessary. Within the framework of the supplier evaluation this will be constantly monitored. The in each case current safety data sheets of the substances that are covered by this regulation are available for download on our website.

At the same time we would ask you to communicate us any information about any differing utilization from the intended utilization. As well, we would ask you to inform us about new, dangerous features independent from the concerned application.

Due to the position in the supply chain hawa does not carry out any pre-registration. The information relevant for REACH will be permanently available.