



PVC TECH CORP COMPLIANCE SUMMARY - 2009

REACH

Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) is a European Union Regulation (EC/2006/1907) which addresses the production and use of chemical substances in the European Union.

REACH covers ALL chemical substances in the EU, “whether manufactured, imported, used as intermediates or placed on the market, either on their own, in preparations or in articles” with certain listed exceptions. In our case, our material would be considered an “article”.

The goal of REACH is to safeguard human health and environment from the risk of chemicals and to enhance the competitiveness of the EU Chemicals industry through research and innovation.

If your material or products are for eventual distribution to the EU market, you will be required to comply with REACH.

PVC Tech Corp and REACH.

Under REACH, the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) publishes a Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). Chemicals included in this list are substances which have been found to be carcinogenic, mutagenic, bioaccumulative and/or toxic.

In essence, these are chemicals known to have adverse effects on humans or the environment at a level of very high concern. The Candidate List is updated as chemicals are added or removed.

For US companies supplying articles to EU markets, REACH requirements may vary depending on the quantity (in terms of tonnage) of those products and whether or not the article “contain any Substance of Very High Concern GREATER than 0.1% weight per weight” (based on the weight of the entire article).

Since our films are used as components to manufacture final articles, we provide certification explicitly stating compliance to the limits set by REACH based on the ECHA Candidate List.