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ECHA / REACH - Procedure

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) located in Helsinki is responsible for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of chemical substances, in order to ensure a uniform procedure within the European Union.

This procedure, referred to as the REACH procedure aims at providing additional information concerning chemical substances, so that these can be used safely and at the same time preserve the competitiveness of the European industry.

The REACH system is based on the maxim of the personal responsibility of the industry. In keeping with the principle "no data, no market", only those substances are to be put on the market that have previously been registered.

The half-year pre-registration period for certain substances commenced on 1 June 2008. The pre-registration is in advance of the actual registration. It serves the creation of forums, in which the various manufacturers and importers of the same substances can exchange information. With the pre-registration which is free of charge, the manufacturers/importers are granted extended time limits for the registration, depending on the substance quantities and properties.

As a manufacturer of accessories for the beverages industry, we manufacture products and not substances. This means that we import the corresponding (raw) materials from our suppliers.

None of our suppliers has reported a pre-registered substance to us to date so that we do not use any pre-registered or registered substances in our products.

Should we obtain (import) pre-registered substances in quantities exceeding 1t or 100t respectively in the near future, we will have these registered in accordance with number 1.7.2 of REACH prior to 1 June 2018 or 1 June 2013 respectively with adherence to the corresponding time limit, and will inform our customers immediately.

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