

Dear Customers,

Fluorseals S.p.A. is well aware of REACH Regulation 1907/2006 and committed to fulfil the legal obligations required by REACH regulation for all the different roles that the regulation affects as supplier or down-stream user.

On 1st of June 2007 CE regulation 1907/2006 entered into force (operative since July,1st 2006) and it requires that the application of REACH regulation (regulation, evaluation, approval of chemicals) for all the European companies.

The new REACH regulation has the aim to regulate all the chemicals (raw materials and compounds) handled and sold in Europe in quantity higher than 1 ton/year (for each dangerous substance and compound) with important consequences for the future activities of importers and producers.

REACH regulation gives industry the position to take over a large responsibility on the risks of chemical substances giving correct information on safety to the end users.

At the same time it also foresees the possibility that the European Community adopt further measures on high dangerous substances for which an integrative action may be requested all over Europe.

REACH founded the European Agency of Chemicals Substances (ECHA) which has a central role for the coordination and carrying out of all the processes.

Generally, manufacturers and importers must verify the characteristics of substances and provide all the necessary information for their registration but also the companies which use these substances will have an important position.

REACH demands a strong cooperation between all the parts of the supply chain and gives exact dispositions about cooperation and exchange of information between companies.

Manufacturers or importers must give to their downstream users all the necessary information for a safe use of the substances.

To achieve this aim, classification, labelling and safety data sheet may be used when needed.

REACH for polymers (PTFE)

Virgin PTFE, supplied in different shapes such as "non free flow", "free flow" and "extrusion grade", is a polymer.

Here is a small extract from regulation:

Polymers are considered as representing a low concern in relation to their high molecular weights. Polymers are exempt from application of:

1. Title II: Registration
2. Title VI: Evaluation

For practical reasons and in order to concentrate the resources on more problematic and dangerous substances, PTFE is excluded from registration even if the Commission (art 138 -2) intend to make a future revision:

Polymers Revision (art 138 (2)): the Commission may present legislative proposal in order to ask for registration of polymers after having:

1. Risks posed by polymers in comparison with other substances
2. The need to register certain types of polymers



Application of REACH regulation from Fluorseals SpA

As foreseen from REACH regulation all our suppliers have pre-registered and registered monomers and other substances linked to the final polymer by Dec, 1st2010.

We inform you that our items, semi finished shapes and machined parts, do not intentionally issue any chemical substance and they do not contain any high dangerous substance (SVHC - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation) expressed by ECHA on the following web address updated to 12/01/2017.

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp

For the last update, we declare that, on the basis of our knowledge on raw material and its production process, the virgin ptfе and filled ptfе products transformed by Fluorseals, well identified and packed in the original packaging, should not contain any PFOA (perfluorooctanic acid) residual.

There are new safety data sheets of virgin PTFE and filled grades (**MSDS**) in accordance with the REACH (EC) 1907/2006 directive and successive update and new CLP regulation for the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (EC) 1272/2008.

Fluorseals SpA as manufacturer of semi finished shapes and machined parts made of virgin PTFE and filled grades will keep in contact with its valued customers to assure the conformity to this regulation. The new regulation, replacing all the directives and regulations in force now, has the aim to strengthen protection of human health and environment from the hazardous effects of chemicals and improve competitiveness and innovation capability of the European chemical industry.

We thank You for giving us your full attention to this issue.

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