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Dear sir or madam

When the new EU chemicals regulation (REACH) entered into force on 1st June 2007, the various transitional periods commenced. The pre-registration phase began on 1st June 2008. C. HAFNER has utilized this phase to pre-register all relevant substances in order to take advantage of the transitional registration deadlines for phase-in substances.

When the pre-registration phase is complete, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will publish on its website a list of all pre-registered phase-in substances. This list will include substance names, their EINECS or CAS numbers and the initial deadline for registration. The pre-registration numbers are intended solely for the use of the pre-registrant and will not be published by ECHA. For this reason, C. HAFNER will not release these numbers either. This applies in particular to the requirements pertaining to communications within the supply chain. Every day we receive a large number of REACH questionnaires relating to our products. We have therefore decided to reply in the form of a standardised letter rather than respond in detail to product-specific questionnaires. This applies in particular to web-based questionnaires.

C. HAFNER has set itself the goal of retaining its product portfolio without deleting any products as a result of REACH. Of course, this also applies to the products we supply to you.

In addition, we help you to maintain the reliability of your scheduling:

In the event of any indication of major changes with regard to the marketability or use of a substance, we will inform you of this without delay and offer you alternatives in good time. C. HAFNER takes on a number of different roles (e.g. manufacturer, dealer, downstream user), entailing different obligations under REACH. Please bear in mind that we can not therefore release details of individual products.

The following activities will give you an overview of the current state of implementation under REACH:

- C. HAFNER is preparing all necessary implementation measures in due consideration of the content of the regulations and the existing technical guidance documents.

- Our product portfolio has been examined with regard to possible pre-registration / registration and authorisation obligations. The pre-registration of the substances identified has been carried out in advance of the relevant deadlines.
- The alloying elements used in our products currently contain no substances included by ECHA in the list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).
- In respect of all substances subject to authorisation, C. HAFNER will endeavour to obtain the necessary approval for the relevant areas of application.
- In carrying out Chemical Safety Assessments (CSAs), compiling Chemical Safety Reports (CSRs) and finally in communicating risk management measures through the medium of extended Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), C. HAFNER intends to maintain the necessary balance between depth of scientific detail and pragmatic implementation.
- Our Safety Data Sheets comply with the prevailing legal requirements and are constantly being updated in compliance with the requirements of REACH.

Further information concerning REACH can be obtained from our website:

www.c-hafner.de/reach

As a responsible family business, C. HAFNER above all views REACH as a matter in which we can cooperate with you, our customer, in a spirit of partnership.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us at our central email address:

reach@c-hafner.de

Our REACH Team will be pleased to deal with and reply to your enquiries.

Yours faithfully

C. HAFNER – REACH Team

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