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Customer information on the inclusion of lead on the SVHC Candidate List in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

Dear Sir or Madam,

On June 27, 2018, the metal lead was added to the REACH Candidate List as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) According to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, EUCHNER is required to notify its customers of the presence of any SVHC in its products in a concentration exceeding 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w).

Lead as an alloying element is used in low concentrations mainly in steel (< 0.35%), aluminum (< 0.4%) and copper (< 4%) in a large number of our products. These concentrations are permitted under the EU RoHS directive as there are currently no alternatives. Lead is used to improve the processing capability and corrosion resistance of alloys.

As far as we know, there is no danger to either humans or the environment if our products are used as intended.

The inclusion of lead on the SVHC Candidate List does not mean that lead is banned, but merely that it must be declared according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

The obligation to provide information due to REACH is not based on any new scientific findings regarding the metal and the use of lead in metallic semi-finished products. The use of lead has been regulated for many years. The obligation to inform is based solely on the fact that lead has been added to the candidate list by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The objective of the inclusion is to obtain information on the quantities of these substances used within the EU.

Please also note our general customer information on REACH at www.euchner.com.

If you have any questions, please contact our REACH experts at reach@euchner.de.

Best regards

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