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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 included as an SVHC on the REACH list "substances of very high concern (candidate list)." According to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, EUCHNER is obliged to inform our customers if one of our products contains an SVHC in a concentration exceeding 0.1 percent by weight.

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

As far as we know, there is no danger to people 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 in accordance with Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

The obligation to report information due to REACH is not based on any new scientific findings on 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 aim of the inclusion includes obtaining 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 queries, please contact our REACH experts at reach@euchner.de.

Best regards

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