



ArcelorMittal

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Dear Customers,

The European Regulation of 18th December 2006 *concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)*¹ entered into force on 1st June 2007.

This Regulation rules the use and placing on the European market of certain chemical substances, on their own or contained in preparations or articles, with the aim of identifying their hazardous properties and recommending appropriate risk management measures all along the supply chain.

Accordingly, any Legal or physical person established in Europe who manufactures or imports a substance covered by REACH, either on its own or in a preparation or article, in quantities of one tonne or more per year, shall submit a registration file to the European Chemical Agency (ECHA).

Companies from ArcelorMittal Group, like all European companies manufacturing, importing or using chemical substances covered by REACH, are concerned by this new European Regulation and will use their best efforts to comply with it, without compromising their commercial relationships with customers.

To achieve this aim, the ArcelorMittal Group companies made an inventory of the substances covered by REACH and we ensure that all substances that are in the article(s) we supply to you

- have been preregistered and registered either by ourselves or by our suppliers
- have been fully inventoried for chemical ingredients to 100 ppm
- and each substance has been assessed against the Authorization list – Annex XIV, the Restriction list – Annex XVII and the SVHC candidate list, (the version in effect in June 2013)

We are also carrying out a purchasing risk management, in order to make sure that the consequences of REACH for our upstream supply chain will remain under control, especially regarding SVHC (Substance of Very High Concern).

We like to draw your attention that the goods supplied to your company are considered as *articles* in the sense of REACH

Concerning the goods supplied to your company, we do not anticipate as of today any significant change induced by REACH on them; should such a change occur, we would of course keep you informed of it as soon as possible. Please note that they are to be considered as articles in the sense of REACH (see ECHA's guidance on articles, annex III pp.82-83., and Eurofer position paper on this subject)².

¹ Regulation (EC) n° 1907/2006 of The European Parliament and of The Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 29th April 2007, L.136/3.

² Those documents are available at the following location:
http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance_document/articles_en.htm
<http://www.eurofer.be/index.php/eng/REACH/Documents-and-useful-web-links/Eurofer-position-papers>

There are no Substances of Very High Concern from the Candidate List³ above the current appropriate European thresholds (higher than 0.1% w/w) in the steels we produce except for the steels “**free cutting steels, Carbon and Alloyed leaded steels**”⁴. We are constantly monitoring the Candidate List of SVHC's and will inform our customers in case of inclusion of a substance contained in our steel products, as foreseen in the REACH regulation⁵). Furthermore, the steels we produce do not contain neither any substances listed under the Annex XIV of the Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 – List of substances subject to authorization

The Annex III of 2011/53/CE listed exemptions from the restriction, including in section 6.a Lead (Pb) as an alloying element in steel for machining purposes and in galvanized steel containing up to 0.35 % lead by weight and in batch hot dip galvanized steel components containing up to 0,2 % lead by weight (expires in 21 July 2021 as per EU 2018/739)

Concerning the SCIP database created by ECHA for the implementation of the legal requirements contained in the Article 9 of the WFD concerning the declaration of the SVHC content in articles, please find here after notification references regarding declaration of Lead (Pb) content in free Cutting steels (higher than 0.1% w/w)

Article Name	SCIP notification nr.
Improved machinability steels / rods	07c0eb70-ea42-4fe9-93b5-3351e10d0206
Improved machinability steels / bars	833043f1-4d02-4117-891a-b2b1502ed19e
Improved machinability steels / semi-finished	408e2ab-c9d0-4530-b9fe-77c5327127eb
Improved machinability steels / cold formed or peeled bars	02cf5b02-88d6-4003-9269-ea51836c9d40

Meanwhile, even though no notification is required, we will of course remain at your disposal for questions about the safe use of our products and will take care to forward the uses you declare to us to the relevant REACH actors.

Until then, we remain at your disposal for any additional information you may require.

Best regards.

³ As published by ECHA on 11th Septembre 2023, see <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

⁴ Please refer to the appropriate declaration for free-cutting steels

⁵ According to the order specifications, RoHS or ELV directive thresholds will be respected