

# Technical Textiles

## The European REACH directive

**REACH** stands for **R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals. This new EU directive centralises and simplifies chemicals legislation across Europe and has been in force since 1st June 2007. The objective of REACH is to improve knowledge of the dangers and risks that can emanate from chemicals. The companies affected by REACH are producers, importers and users of chemical substances. It transfers to the companies greater responsibility for dealing safely with their products.

Mehler Texnologies GmbH is not affected by the REACH registration / pre-registration process, as we are only allowed to use products registered by our suppliers and may only be supplied with pre-registered / registered products. In the course of the current pre-registration process, we are looking for appropriate substitute substances and introducing these on a permanent basis into our ongoing production operation. We will thus at no time be using products that we are no longer allowed to use on the basis of the currently applicable chemical directive or the new REACH procedure. As Mehler Texnologies markets a finished polymer end product (as per REACH: '**product**'), which itself is not subject to the REACH regulations, our products are consequently not being registered under the REACH rules. Furthermore, no components are used by Mehler Texnologies that contain any hazardous substances (SVHC-CMR, PBT, vPvB). Our clients may assume with good reason that products from manufacturers outside of Europe could and probably indeed do contain these substances.

As a customer of Mehler Texnologies you can thus be certain that **our goods conform to the REACH guidelines**. In accordance with the current status of the REACH directive, Mehler Texnologies is able to continue manufacturing and supplying all of its products.



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