

REACH-Information for our customers

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The compulsory registration for chemicals within the EU and communication along the supply chain has been governed by the REACH regulation since its commencement on 1/6/2007. According to the REACH Regulation, wicks are classified as “articles”. Therefore there is no need to issue MSDS for our wicks. However, we compiled the most important safety related information in our “Safety Information Sheets” which can be send to you upon request.

As wick manufacturers, we ensure that all chemicals used in our products are registered accordingly.

In the context of this registration it turned out that most of the substances used in our production process are classified as not dangerous. This means they can be used for all applications independent of the quantity. According to Art. 14 of REACH-Regulation (EG) No. 1907/2006 it is not necessary to create an exposure evaluation and/or scenario for them.

For the dangerous substances exposure scenarios were created. The results showed however that the “Derived No Effect Levels (DNEL) by inhalation” were significantly below limits. Therefore the application as candle wick does not pose any danger for the user.

On 1 July 2015, ECHA recommended that additional substances including boric acid (CAS-Nr. 10043-35-3, 11113-50-1, EC-Nr. 233-139-2, 234-343-4) and disodium tetraborate, anhydrous (CAS-Nr. 1303-96-4, EC-Nr. 215-540-4) should be included in the authorisation list (Appendix XIV of the REACH regulation).

These are wicks with a three-digit P-number.

Although neither the “Last application date” nor the “Sunset date” have been announced by the ECHA authorities yet, our team has been working on developing new recipes without boric acid and disodium tetraborate.

We have already started to dispatch appropriate wick samples and to carry out large scale tests with our customers.

For all other products we can confirm at this time that none of the products we supply to you contain any substances that were published by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in the updated Candidate List of SVHC (substances of very high concern) **dated 14.06.2023** or at least not above a concentration of 0.1 % (w/w).

Best regards
Westdeutsche Dochtfabrik GmbH & Co. KG

Helmut Gutberlet
Managing Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helmut Gutberlet', written in a cursive style.