

REACH No. 1907/2006

REACH is an EU regulation adopted to better protect human health and environment against the risks related to chemical substances.

Tricoflex, as a producer of soft PVC hoses, needs to comply with this regulation, we thus pay very close attention to its evolution. To guarantee the conformity of our products to this regulation, Tricoflex stays informed of its regular updates of the different lists of substances that are subjected to authorization, restrictions of use and/or declarative obligations required by REACH and works in close collaboration with our raw material suppliers.

These regular updates concern primarily 2 substances lists :

1/ The Candidate List of substances of very high concern for Authorisation (or Candidate list, or SVHC list)

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table>

It concerns the substances that are known or potentially carcinogenic (cat. 1A or 1B), mutagenic (cat. 1A or 1B), toxic for reproduction (cat. 1A or 1B), persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), and the substances that arouse an equivalent level of concern having probable serious effects to human health and/or the environment.

These substances are not prohibited to use and can thus still be put on the market. However, they are subject to an obligation for the suppliers to communicate information if the SVHC substance is present at more than 0,1% of the article mass.

2/ The Authorization list (Annex XIV)

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/addressing-chemicals-of-concern/authorisation/recommendation-for-inclusion-in-the-authorisation-list/authorisation-list>

After a regulatory procedure, the SVHCs of the Candidate List can be included in the Annex XIV to become subjected to authorization. These substances may not be commercialized, nor used after a given date, unless their specific use has been authorized.

This is particularly the case since 2015/02/21 for certain plasticizers in PVC, as stated here below:

- bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) - CAS No. 117-81-7
- diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) – CAS No. 84-69-5
- dibutyl phthalate (DBP) – CAS No. 84-74-2
- benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) - CAS No. 85-68-7

Consequently, our whole range of products are henceforth guaranteed to be free from these plasticizers, and particularly DEHP-free.

Since there is no further use for the logo that distinguished the DEHP-free products from the others, it will no longer appear in our catalog.