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## REACH Declaration September, 2020

REACH, means the Registration Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals regulation entered into force in June 2007 ([www.echa.europa.eu](http://www.echa.europa.eu)). REACH imposes registration, notification and authorization duties on *manufacturers* and *importers* of 'substances', 'preparations' and 'articles' as specified in REACH. Wavin is mainly a '*downstream user*' of substances and preparations and therefore in most cases not subject to registration or authorization duties itself.

Firstly, we have requested our suppliers to confirm in writing the pre-registration, registration and notification of substances (in its own, in preparations or articles) delivered to us, all in due time if necessary, as specified in REACH.

Secondly, we have started communication with our suppliers, directly or through the branch organizations, about our usage and conditions of use, enabling our suppliers to include our usage as 'identified use' in safety data sheets and the final registration.

Another question we have asked our suppliers is whether or not they use substances on the candidate list for Annex XIV of REACH and / or whether they expect that the items they deliver to us contain substances that will be subject to authorization from ECHA.

Furthermore we have requested our suppliers to inform us immediately if they decide to terminate the supply and/or change the composition of substances, preparations or articles as a consequence of pre-registration, registration or authorization duties under REACH.

At this moment we have no reason to believe that the articles we supply to you contain substances that have not been (pre-) registered while they should have been (pre-) registered. Nor do we have reason to believe that the articles we supply to you contain substances listed on the candidate list for annex XIV of ECHA (above 0,1% in weight). The only exception to the above is lead.

Trade register  
Zwolle 05025335  
VAT nr.  
NL0015.80.425.B01  
Banker  
Citibank Europe Plc.  
Amsterdam  
Acc.nr. 026.60.75.428  
IBAN NL91CITI0266075428  
BIC CITINL2X

We have to inform you that according to article 33 of the regulation 1907/2006/EC (REACH), that on 27th June 2018, lead metal (CAS 7439-92-1) was added to the REACH candidate list for authorization as a Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).

Referring to the above mentioned article, we have to inform our industrial or professional users, along with all distributors, in order to provide all recipients of our goods enough information to allow the safe use of our products. In the case of supply to consumers, this information must be provided within 45 days of a consumer request.

There are two groups of our products which may contain lead in quantities above 0,1% (weight by weight): PVC pipes and fittings which includes recycled materials and brass components.

Our company and the European plastic pipes and fittings industry generally, are committed to the environmental and ecological benefits of including recycled material where appropriate in our products. This does not represent a compromise in performance levels, compliance with relevant standards or life expectancy. It should be noted that the lead compounds are encapsulated in the polymer matrix and under normal conditions are not released during the service life of the product.

The fact that lead is identified as SVHC does not imply that safe use conditions have changed.

We would like to underline that nothing has been changed to our products or components themselves.

They did and still do meet our high internal quality standards as well as the local and international standards that are set to drinking water approved materials if relevant.

If we become aware of the fact that we will have to terminate the supply of an article to you or if the supplier/ we will have to change the composition thereof, as a consequence of registration, notification or authorization duties of our suppliers, we will inform you as soon as possible.

In case of any question, or if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Kind regards,

Wavin