
Sterling Thermal Technology's R.E.A.C.H Policy statement

Policy statement

"REACH" stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals and relates to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. They are controlled by the REACH Enforcement (Amendment) Regulations 2013 which came into force on 16th December 2013 and replaced several European Directives and Regulations with a single system.

The EU REACH Regulation has been brought into UK law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

REACH, and related legislation, has been replicated in the UK with the necessary changes to make it operable in a domestic context and came into force on January 1st, 2021.

The key principles of the EU REACH Regulation have been retained. This regime is now in operation and is known as UK REACH. The REACH Statutory instrument can be found on legislation.gov.uk.

UK REACH and the EU REACH regulations operate independently from each other.

Companies that are supplying and purchasing substances, mixtures, or articles to and from the EU/EEA/Northern Ireland and Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) will need to ensure that the relevant duties are met under both pieces of legislation.

Under the Northern Ireland protocol, the EU REACH Regulation continues to apply to Northern Ireland, while UK REACH provides the regulatory framework for chemicals in GB.

Manufacturers, importers, downstream users and distributors supplying substances or mixtures meeting the criteria for classification as dangerous have previously, under the chemicals (Hazard information and packaging for supply) Regulations (CHIP) 2009, been required to compile and supply a MSDS at the first delivery of a substance or mixture.

Sterling Thermal Technology is classified as an end user. Therefore, we are classed as a downstream user.

As such we will ensure that we ask for and expect our suppliers (upstream users) to ensure we are continually updated with relevant information relating to the products they supply to Sterling Thermal Technology.

This will include the following information on all safety data sheets:

1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking.
2. Hazards identification
3. Composition / information on ingredients
4. First-aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures
6. Accidental release measures
7. Handling and storage
8. Exposure controls / personal protection
9. Physical and chemical properties
10. Stability and reactivity
11. Toxicological information
12. Ecological information
13. Disposal considerations
14. Transport information
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information



In addition, MSDS for substances or mixtures containing substances that have been fully registered under REACH we will require from our suppliers:

- Confirmation that our suppliers comply with the requirements of REACH including pre-registration
- Inclusion of registration numbers where appropriate
- Inclusion of exposure scenarios including any risk management measures.

This information will be used to provide specific assessments in line with STT policy and procedures for COSHH.

This information will be made available to any interested parties on request.

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