

## **Information on the status of implementation of the REACH guidelines (EU guidelines 1907/2006/EG)**

According to the EU guidelines (REACH: Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of CHemicals) that became effective on 1 June, 2007, all materials and substances of which more than one ton were produced in the EU, or imported into the EU respectively, must be registered with the European Chemicals Agency.

The coatings produced by Oerlikon Balzers would have to be classified in terms of REACH as products. On the other hand, a substance that is contained in a product must only be registered, if all criteria are met cumulatively. According to our clarifications with various external experts our coatings do not have to be registered, as not all conditions required for a mandatory registration are given.

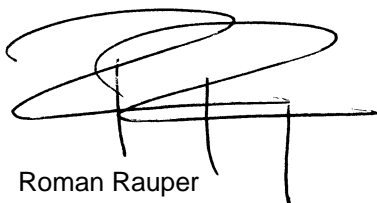
The coatings produced by Oerlikon Balzers do not contain any SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) listed in annex XIV of the REACH guidelines in a concentration of > 0.1 %.

According to the specifications of the REACH guidelines we have contacted our suppliers along the supply chain and asked for particulars regarding their status. For all critical substances, preparations and products we have now the confirmations of the suppliers at hand. They know and observe the REACH guidelines and will thus be able to supply us accordingly also in the future. With the only supplier outside the EU we have resorted to a pre-registration as importer. Thus we will later have the option to register or look for a new EU supplier.

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