

On December 18, 2006, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union enacted regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006, which is known as "Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)*."

The REACH regulation includes several lists of substances of concern. One of these is annex XIV, a list of substances that require specific authorization for use. Another is annex XVII, a list of substances with restrictions on manufacture, placing on the market, and use. These annexes are regularly reviewed, amended, and updated.

Regulators, including the European Chemical Agency, use the term "substances of very high concern" or "SVHCs" for annex XIV substances (or candidates for annex XIV inclusion) and the term "restricted substances" for annex XVII substances. In practice, some companies use the term "SVHCs" to refer to both annex XIV and annex XVII substances.

None of the SVHCs, whether contained in the candidate list or in annex XIV, and none of the substances that have been proposed for inclusion on the candidate list, are present in the PSA1u1E or the PSAK-UCE above threshold levels as defined in article 56 of REACH.

No restricted or annex XVII substances are used in the PSA1u1E or the PSAK-UCE that meet the registration and notification requirements in article 7 of REACH (more than 1 tonne per year, at concentrations of 0.1 % or greater by weight of the article, in a way that would include human or environmental exposure under reasonably foreseeable conditions).

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