

## EUROPEAN R.E.A.C.H. REGULATION INFORMATION FOR DOWNSTREAM USERS

Dear Customer.

Thank you for your request concerning the REACH regulation.

The new European Parliament and Council regulation No. 1907/2006 dated 18 December 2006 (known by the name of REACH) concerning the registration, evaluation and authorization of chemicals, as well as restrictions applicable to these substances, came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007. This regulation implies that substances produced or imported in Europe in quantities greater than or equal to 1 metric ton per year, as they stand or in mixtures and preparations, must be registered with the new European chemicals agency

(ECHA: http://echa.europa.eu/).

Registration exemptions are provided for in the regulation as well as temporary measures allowing extra time for registration subject to carrying out preregistration of these substances between the  $1^{st}$  June and the  $30^{th}$  November 2008.

BLUESTAR SILICONES has kept regularly updated of the developments in REACH, as planned in the European Commission proposal dated 29 October 2003 through to its adoption as a regulation, and has set up an internal Task Force to prepare to satisfy all of its legal obligations and ensure the long term future of its activity and the supply of products to its customers.

As you know, this requires information from the whole upstream and downstream supply chain.

To date, on the basis of information available on the raw materials used or the inventory of substances produced by Bluestar Silicones, we have not identified any risk situation for our products due to the REACH regulation.

For any additional information concerning REACH please contact the following people:

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