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Position on Art.33/REACH & SCIP concerning glass products

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is in response to your request for REACH information for the products listed here below:

Product(s): **D 263® M, D 263® T, D 263® T eco, D 263® bio**

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the SCHOTT position concerning the upcoming legislative requirements given by Art. 9(1)(i) and 9(2) EU Waste Framework Directive (98/2008/EG; SCIP) with reference to Art.33/REACH Regulation (1907/2006/EC; SVHC).
(SCIP: Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects (Products))

The current major chemical legislation of the European Union, REACH, entered into force on June 1, 2007. It regulates the manufacture, the import, and the placing on the market of substances, substances in mixtures, and substances in articles. REACH in its complexity makes clear distinctions between 'substances', 'mixtures' and 'articles', and requires different actions to the relevant producers, to enable them to comply with the law.

Under REACH legislation, all of our finished products are defined as articles, because their function is mainly defined by size, shape or design and not by chemical composition. In particular, we are aware of our duties as a supplier of articles according to Art.33/REACH regulation.

We are obliged to provide information to our customers (downstream-user information) regarding substances contained in our products that:

- Are identified in accordance with Art.59 (1, 10) / of the REACH regulation and published in the Candidate List by the European Chemical Agency ECHA as substances of very high concern (SVHC)
- And are ingredients of our products in a concentration above 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w).

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The current Candidate List of SVHC substances can be located at:

<http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

Since our products consist mainly of tempered glass and since glass, as a substance (CAS 65997-17-3), is not included in the candidate list, currently our glass products are exempt from any information duties under Art.33/REACH. For the production of tempered glass and molded parts, we may use other substances besides glass, which may be already included on the candidate list. But those substances are completely incorporated in the glass matrix forming the new substance glass while losing their former specific properties.

Therefore, based upon our review of the information provided to us by our suppliers, we confirm that the products listed above do not contain materials included in the current SVHC candidate list, nor are any such substances present in the products above the applicable threshold (0.1%).

The duty for provision of respective information as well via the SCIP database (Waste Framework Directive) is explicitly connected to the information duty Art.33/REACH. As our glass products are not subject to Art.33/REACH, there is not duty for notification in SCIP also.

Since the above mentioned products in terms of REACH have to be identified as articles and articles are not in the scope of Art.31/REACH our glass products are exempt from providing a safety data sheet.

The information given in the present declaration is based upon the current level of our knowledge, and is intended to provide information about our products. It should therefore not be construed as guaranteeing specific properties. Buyer or user are responsible for ensuring that the products they use, as supplied by us, comply with the specific requirements of their intended application. Due to the progress (evolution) of national and international regulations and laws, the status of the listed product could eventually change. If you have any doubt relating to the current correctness of this declaration, please contact us for an update.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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