

Chlorinated Substances

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REACH identifies stringent levels of potential harmful components for packaging products. Our First Tier suppliers have stated that they meet the substances in the Candidate List. Neither Pouchworth, or to our knowledge, our First Tier suppliers, add any of the regulated items in our process; from these statements we can ascertain that our materials are in fact compliant on these issues.

As you are likely aware the Chlorinated Solvents consortium covers 5 substances – dichloromethane (methylene chloride), chloroform (trichloromethane), carbon tetrachloride (tetrachloromethane) trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene). REACH Regulation, and Article 37, organizes the communication of information on uses and exposure to chemical substances up and down the supply chain, in order to ensure that the risks, if any, associated with the use of the registered substances is properly assessed and managed.

Candidate List of 168 substances of Very High Concern (SVHC substances) subject to authorization has been updated by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) on its website on December 17, 2015 in accordance with Article 59 (1) of REACH Regulation. The first authorization list (Annex XIV) including 22 substances was published on December 17, 2013. In that regard, our first tier suppliers have stated that that such SVHC substances are not intentionally present above 0.1 % w/w concentration in the materials and products that they supply to us.

This document is a statement of our knowledge based on our research, and 1st tier vendor statements, true to the best of our knowledge, at the time of its writing. While unexpected, it is possible that the validity of the statements in this letter could change without notice.

We gladly will furnish material specific declaration and compliance letters, please contact your sales rep, and specific a) which compliance declaration you need b) what PO or SOA your request relates to, c) your material code. It is best practice, for you the customer to always independently test all materials to ensure the compliance and composition thereof especially for properties critical to your application.

Thank you for your business.

