



Luxembourg, February the 1st 2019

Dear Customers,

The European Regulation of 18th December 2006 *concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)*¹ entered into force on 1st June 2007.

This Regulation rules the use and placing on the European market of certain chemical substances, on their own or contained in preparations or articles, with the aim of identifying their hazardous properties and recommending appropriate risk management measures all along the supply chain.

Accordingly, any Legal or physical person established in Europe who manufactures or imports a substance covered by REACH, either on its own or in a preparation or article, in quantities of one tonne or more per year, shall submit a registration file to the European Chemical Agency (ECHA).

Companies from ArcelorMittal Group, like all European companies manufacturing, importing or using chemical substances covered by REACH, are concerned by this new European Regulation and will use their best efforts to comply with it, without compromising their commercial relationships with customers.

To achieve this aim, the ArcelorMittal Group companies made an inventory of the substances covered by REACH and we ensure that all substances that are in the article(s) we supply to you have been preregistered and registered either by ourselves or by our suppliers.

We are also carrying out a purchasing risk management, in order to make sure that the consequences of REACH for our upstream supply chain will remain under control, especially regarding SVHC (Substance of Very High Concern).

We like to draw your attention that the goods supplied to your company are considered as *articles* in the sense of REACH

Concerning the goods supplied to your company, we do not anticipate as of today any significant change induced by REACH on them; should such a change occur, we would of course keep you informed of it as

¹ Regulation (EC) n° 1907/2006 of The European Parliament and of The Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 29th April 2007, L.136/3.

soon as possible. Please note that they are to be considered as articles in the sense of REACH (see ECHA's guidance on articles, annex III pp.82-83., and Eurofer position paper on this subject)².

There are no Substances of Very High Concern from the Candidate List³ above the current appropriate European thresholds in the steels we produce except for the steels "**free cutting steels, Carbon and Alloyed leaded steels**"⁴. We are constantly monitoring the Candidate List of SVHC's and will inform our customers in case of inclusion of a substance contained in our steel products, as foreseen in the REACH regulation⁵.

Meanwhile, even though no notification is required, we will of course remain at your disposal for questions about the safe use of our products and will take care to forward the uses you declare to us to the relevant REACH actors.

Until then, we remain at your disposal for any additional information you may require.

Best regards.



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² Those documents are available at the following location:
http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance_document/articles_en.htm
<http://www.eurofer.be/index.php/eng/REACH/Documents-and-useful-web-links/Eurofer-position-papers>

³ As published by ECHA on 15th January 2019, see <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

⁴ Please refer to the appropriate declaration for free-cutting steels

⁵ According to the order specifications, RoHS or ELV directive thresholds will be respected