

Micro Emission Factsheet

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

REACH ANNEX XVII



Since 24 February 2022

Labeling requirement for products containing diisocyanates (in concentrations above 0.1% by weight) is in force. Affected Henkel products are compliant

24 August 2023

Training requirement for *all* professional users of products containing diisocyanates (in concentrations above 0.1%) comes into force

HOW DOES REACH ANNEX XVII AFFECT FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS?

- REACH is the Europe-wide legislation that promotes chemical safety through authorizing and regulating substances
- One part of REACH, Annex XVII, includes restrictions on the use of products containing diisocyanates, such as PUR hotmelt adhesives
- A review of REACH recommended tightening these restrictions
- The EU Commission accepted the recommendation, which means it will become law
- All industrial users of affected products in the EU must be compliant with the new restrictions before they come into force

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO, AND BY WHEN?

- As of **24 August 2023**, all workers who handle products containing diisocyanates (at concentration above 0.1%) must be trained and certified beforehand
- The necessary training materials are available online at safeusediisocyanates.eu
- Training can be done face-to-face or through e-learning. The materials will be modular you need to select the modules relevant to your application

IS THERE ANY ALTERNATIVE?

- Products containing diisocyanates at less than 0.1% concentration (known as Micro Emission) are exempt from these requirements
- •Use of these products can continue unaffected
- It is up to you what is best for your organization: implementing training measures, or switching to Micro Emission products
- If you use Micro Emission adhesives, you can still complete the training voluntarily. Improving and reinforcing safety knowledge is always recommended