

Rolls-Royce: REACH Implementation in the Nuclear Sector

Originator: Abi Salter
Job Title: Nuclear Sector REACH Team - Supply Chain Lead
Business Unit: Nuclear

NTS Number: 317
Issue: 1
Date: November 2011

For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope / Applicability:

All suppliers in receipt of purchase orders covering the delivery of parts or services to the RR Nuclear Submarines business.

Introduction:

REACH is the European Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. REACH affects all industries, including aerospace, energy, nuclear and marine sectors.

One of the legal obligations in REACH is in Article 33; any Supplier of an article (part) within the European Economic Area (EEA) must provide a declaration if any Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) in the finished part (called articles in REACH) is present greater than 0.1% by weight. The SVHCs are named in a "Candidate List for Authorisation" published by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in their web-site.

Rolls-Royce has the Article 33 obligation when supplying products to customers in the European Economic Area (EEA). The destination of the final product is not known when a supplied part is ordered so it must be assumed that all supplied parts could end up with a Europe based customer.

Some guidance on the common uses of the SVHCs is given in the attached appendix. This is not intended to be exhaustive, and further help should be sought as appropriate. Information on REACH is available on the Global Supplier Portal

As part of an ongoing programme to ensure compliance with REACH within the Nuclear Sector, an assessment of the suppliers position with respect to REACH legislation management is required.

Action Required:

All suppliers are required to provide the following information to the RR Submarines contact detailed below, by 2nd December 2011.

1. The name of the person in your company that is responsible for REACH.
2. Details of your company's position with respect to REACH including any actions and/or processes that are in place to ensure compliance with this legislation.
3. Against the current list of candidate substances, are you aware of any substances contained within the products/services that you supply to Rolls-Royce or in the processes you use to provide these products/services.
4. Details of any declarations you have made to Rolls-Royce against any of the current list of candidate substances.
5. Details of any actions taken by your company to assess the risk of REACH legislation within you own supply chain.
6. Details of any known REACH legislation risks within your own supply chain.

A representative from the Submarines Purchasing function will be in contact with your company to discuss your response to these questions and a proforma will be available. This should be completed and returned via email no later than 2nd December 2011. All email responses are to be sent to Tim Clarke (email: tim.clarke@rolls-royce.com)

NTS Category Type:**Regulatory / Legislation****Authorised by:**

Sara Mitchell

Global Purchasing Executive - Submarines