

Trichloroethylene for Degreasing

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope/Applicability:

All Rolls-Royce Suppliers / Partners within the European Economic Area.

Introduction:

Trichloroethylene (CAS 79-01-6) is on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Authorisation List and has a sunset date of 21 April 2016. After this date, trichloroethylene will be illegal to use in the European Economic Area (EEA), unless a specific exemption applies or authorisation has been granted by the European Commission.

Suppliers may utilise existing authorisation applications as long as they meet the conditions set out in the authorisation and in the associated Chemical Safety Report.

Action Required:

It is known to Rolls-Royce that The Dow Chemical Company has attained a final recommendation from European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for authorisation for NEU-TRI™ E trichloroethylene, where its usage must comply with specific conditions before users can be legally compliant. Any company wanting to use this source of trichloroethylene within the EEA should contact SAFECHEM, the subsidiary of Dow looking after the topic. Contact can be made via service@safechem-europe.com.

All suppliers working to RRP51000 shall substantiate any substitute cleaning process per the requirements of that specification. Note that RPS128 has been superseded by RRP 51000 and all data cards/work instructions stating RPS128 have gained automatic approval to RRP 51000.

Production change shall be controlled in accordance with the requirements detailed in SABRe B4. Supplier changes to Engineering Controlled (EC) operations must have approval from a Rolls-Royce Designated Control Authority in accordance with RRES90000. Supplier changes to Manufacturing Engineering Controlled (MEC) operations do not require approval from a Rolls-Royce Designated Control Authority.

Where Rolls-Royce Designated Control Authority is needed, suppliers should contact Rolls-Royce to confirm what documentation is required.

NTS Category:

Regulatory / Legislation

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