REACH Update

The EU legislation known as REACH (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006) applies to substances manufactured or imported into the EU in annual quantities of over 1 metric ton unless that substance falls under specific classifications for more hazardous chemicals.

Chesterton has worked closely with its supply chain to identify and quantify all eligible substances manufactured and/or imported into the EU. Chesterton has taken all the necessary steps to comply with REACH and will continue to service our customers as needed with the products and services they expect from Chesterton.

To ensure that the products you purchase comply with REACH, ARC and Industrial Lubricant / MRO products are transitioning to EU based manufacturing and sourcing. These products are designated with an (E) in their product name. Some ARC and Industrial Lubricant / MRO products will continue with their current name (no (E)) but rest assured that Chesterton has taken all the necessary steps to ensure these products are also fully compliant under REACH. All ARC and Industrial Lubricant / MRO products will now be distributed into the EU by one of Chesterton’s affiliates, rather than from Chesterton International, Inc. in the United States. We discourage you from ordering ARC or IL/MRO product directly from Chesterton’s United States facility; if you do order ARC or IL/MRO product from the United States, you will be responsible for complying with the REACH regulations.

There will be no change to the ordering process for Chesterton’s other product lines, such as mechanical sealing devices, packing products, and EPS seals. Mechanical sealing devices, mechanical packing products, and EPS seals are REACH-compliant. Small packets of grease and a cleaning wipe are included with mechanical seal shipments, but the amounts included are far below the REACH registration threshold. If you are audited on your REACH compliance or need further information about these substances, Chesterton can support you by providing details of these amounts.

As previously communicated, Chesterton International GmbH, Ismaning (Munich) – Germany, is acting as Chesterton’s Only Representative (OR). If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chesterton’s compliance with REACH, you can direct them to Chesterton International GmbH, which has access to a global team working on REACH and will be the conduit for any questions. You can reach this team by e-mailing: Reach-munich@chesterton.com.

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