

ROLEC edicts

We are serious about law edicts and environmental conservation. As explained in the sustainability section, protecting the environment and the use of sustainable resources are extremely important to us. That is why we ensure strict compliance with all legal requirements. Learn more about ROLEC's Statement in Regards to Conflict Minerals, REACH and RoHS compliance here.

REACH: Registration - Evaluation - Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)

Safe implementation of materials throughout the entire value creation chain. The concept of sustainability is anchored in our company's philosophy: ROLEC thinks, acts and feels with strategy, passion and environmental awareness! We, too, follow the obligation: In general, chemicals should be produced and used such that negative effects on humans and the environment remain reduced to an absolute minimum. The European Union implemented this in legislation effective 1 June 2007 with the „REACH“ Regulation. It is based on the principal of self-responsibility in all companies who import, manufacture and process chemicals. They are responsible for guaranteeing that their materials and processes are handled in a safe manner. They are obligated to have the materials implemented registered, to collect the requisite data and to pass them along throughout the value creation chain. Suppliers of articles will fundamentally only have a disclosure obligation if more than 0.1% (w/w) of articles* exported from outside the EU consists of substances on the candidate list published by the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency, Helsinki) (Art. 33). (*The term articles in this context means articles whose form, surface and design determines function to a greater degree than does the chemical composition.)

REACH and relevance for ROLEC Gehäuse-Systeme GmbH is a „downstream user“ and „supplier of articles“ under the REACH- Regulation; therefore, there is no registration obligation. Our products do not release any substances. Thus, Art. 7 (1) of the Regulation is not subject to application for us. However, we certainly do meet our disclosure obligations as a „supplier of articles“ (Art. 33 REACH Regulation). The materials and processes (lacquer, powder coatings, adhesives, coolants and lubricants we produce) are exclusively procured in the EU. Customers procuring these materials and looking to use them for applications such as repairs or their own production will receive the respective safety data sheets from our suppliers in compliance with REACH. We do, of course, have all products procured outside the EU (components and components groups) tested for the potential presence of substances on the candidate list. Should they be present in a critical volume (> 0.1% (w/w)), we notify all parties involved immediately. Upstream suppliers and REACH.

The REACH Regulation means: „No data - no market!“

For ROLEC, this means: Our suppliers must be aware that we can only purchase products from them when they have their products tested in line with REACH and can supply the requisite data. Of course, we also expect our suppliers working outside the EU's borders - be they importers or manufacturers - to have acted on time to meet these requirements. All suppliers domiciled outside the EU have been required to have the material compositions and preparations affecting our products tested for substances in the candidate list and to replace them as necessary. The latter has not been necessary thus far; none of our products has required modification of its composition due to REACH. REACH represents a „living system“ and is constantly being expanded. We, too, continue to ensure the harmlessness of the materials we use. Thus, REACH is an integral part to all of our processes.