



Luxembourg, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Customer,

The European Regulation of 18th December 2006 *concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)*<sup>1</sup> entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.

This Regulation rules the use and placing on the European market of certain chemical substances, on their own or contained in preparations or articles, with the aim of identifying their hazardous properties and recommending appropriate risk management measures all along the supply chain.

Accordingly, any Legal or physical person established in Europe who manufactures or imports a substance covered by REACH, either on its own or in a preparation or article, in quantities of one tonne or more per year, shall submit a registration file to the European Chemical Agency.

Companies from the ArcelorMittal Group, like all European companies manufacturing, importing or using chemical substances covered by REACH, are concerned by this new European Regulation and will use their best efforts to comply with it, without compromising their commercial relationships with customers.

To achieve this aim, the ArcelorMittal Group companies made an inventory of the substances covered by REACH and we ensure that all substances that are in the article(s) we supply to you have been pre-registered either by ourselves or by our suppliers.

We are also carrying out a purchasing risk management, in order to make sure that the consequences of REACH for our upstream supply chain will remain under control, especially regarding SVHC.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) n° 1907/2006 of The European Parliament and of The Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007, L.136/3.

We are members of, or communicating with, the consortia and SIEF's dealing with the registration of the key substances that enter the composition of steel products. We monitor carefully that the uses of our steel products are adequately considered in the respective registration dossiers in preparation. We are also confident that all concerned registration dossiers will be filed within the regulatory deadlines to the European Chemicals Agency.

We like to draw your attention that the goods supplied to your company (steel coils and derivatives thereof) are considered as *articles* in the sense of REACH (see ECHA's *Guidance for Articles*, annex III pp.82-83, and Eurofer position paper on this subject)<sup>2</sup>. We do not anticipate as of today any significant change induced by REACH on them; should such a change occur, we would of course keep you informed of it as soon as possible.

Please refer to the dedicated information document joined to the present letter regarding the presence of Substances of Very High Concern (according to the current appropriate European declaration thresholds, and as of current state of the Candidate List)<sup>3</sup> in the steel coils and derived products we deliver. The answers received from our suppliers do not indicate the presence of such substances in the packaging material we are using. We are constantly monitoring the evolution of the Candidate List of SVHC's and are specifically informing our customers in case of the presence of such a substance in our steel products above the regulatory thresholds, as foreseen in the REACH regulation (see Article 33).

Meanwhile, even though no notification is required, we will of course remain at your disposal for questions about the safe use of our products and will take care to forward the uses you declare to us to the relevant REACH actors.

Until then, we remain at your disposal for any additional information you may require.

Best regards.



Eric Brasseur  
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<sup>2</sup> Those documents are available at the following location:

[http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance\\_document/articles\\_en.htm](http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/articles_en.htm)

<http://www.eurofer.be/index.php/eng/REACH/Documents-and-useful-web-links/Eurofer-position-papers>

<sup>3</sup> As published by ECHA on 13.01.2010, see [http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp)