

LAUDA Customer Information on REACH

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REACH stands for **R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorisation of **C**hemicals. The aim of the EC regulation is to re-adjust previous chemical law across Europe. To do this, all chemical substances must be registered with a European authority. Registration requires not only substance data but also the fields of application of the finished products.

These regulations therefore affect not only producers and importers but also the subsequent users such as onward processors and users of chemical products.

Pre-registration of the phase-in substances began on 01.06.2008. The period ends on 30.11.2008. These pre-registered substances must then be registered by 2010, 2013 or 2018 – depending on quantity produced – specifying substance data and use.

LAUDA is in contact with all pre-suppliers. These are intensively dealing with the processes of pre-registration and registration. However, no binding statements from our pre-suppliers are yet available.

Furthermore, several elements of REACH, e.g. such as the definition of the application and exposure types for subsequent users, have not been finally resolved. As such, many questions cannot yet be answered.

LAUDA will therefore contact its customers directly as soon as binding statements can be made.

In general, substances that are already appropriately regulated by other legal directives may be excluded completely or from parts of the REACH ordinance.

As known at present, the following LAUDA heat transfer liquids are not included in the scope of REACH: Aqua 90; Aquastab, Kryo 20, Kryo 30, Kryo 40, Kryo 51; Kryo 55; Kryo 60; Kryo 85; Therm 180; Therm 200; Therm 240; Ultra 300; Ultra 350

The safety datasheet remains an important communication instrument in the supply chain. REACH is demanding a formal reconstruction of the safety datasheets. According to information from BAUA (the German federal institute for occupational safety and health) and the VCI (German chemical industry association), it is sufficient to undertake the revision as and when new content information is incorporated. The existing safety datasheets may continue in use until that time. LAUDA REACH representative Mr Karl-Heinz Klinder Dipl. Ing. (MEng equivalent) karl-heinz.klinder@lauda.de is available for enquiries.