
General Information on REACH

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) regulations came into force on 1st June 2007, directive (EC) 1907/2006. This requires manufacturers or importers of chemicals / substances to register their products with the agency set up for that purpose. Substances not registered will not be allowed to be sold in Europe.

A list of restricted substances of very high concern (SVHC) is reviewed and published on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) website, the most recent being 4th February 2026. This updated list now contains 253 listed substances. GTS is a manufacturer of reacted adhesives polymers are exempt from REACH registration.

Our suppliers have the obligation to register substances. GTS has determined that all suppliers are aware of the regulations, and suppliers have registered their products where required, to ensure continuation of supply of substances to GTS. In addition we regularly review the candidate list of SVHC as published on the ECHA website to ensure that we and our suppliers continue to comply with the REACH directive.

We advise that as of 5th November 2025 one material in common use in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) as flame retardant additive, Decabromodiphenyl Ethane CAS 84852-53-9 appears on the Candidate List due to its classification as vPvB.

GTS products remain fully REACH Compliant.

GTS has complied with all its obligations as regards the above:

- Providing sufficient information to its customers to allow continued safe use of the article.
- Notifying Customers, ECHA, and publishing information in the SCIP database established under the Waste Framework Directive (WFD).

We recommend customers review percentage DBDPE in their assembly and if >0.1% article w/w, notify ECHA for their article placed on EU/EEA marketplace. Percentage loading is available in IMDS entries supplied or on request.

The above information ensures that all GTS products are supplied and used in full compliance with the REACH directive. Inclusion of a substance upon the Candidate List itself does not impose any restriction on use under REACH. GTS Sales and Technical team can advise on availability of alternative materials that do not contain DBDPE.

The substances listed in REACH Annex XIV Authorization List currently consisting of 59 entries, are not used in the manufacture of GTS Adhesives, and there is no indication of their presence in any raw materials according to information available. GTS also ensures according to supplier information available, continued compliance of its materials to REACH Annex XVII Directive 76/769/EEC, currently containing 78 unique substances/entries. GTS advises that it uses information provided by raw material suppliers to determine ongoing compliance with the REACH directive. GTS does not analyse raw materials to ensure compliance.



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