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DECLARATION:

REACH: compliance and information about Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)

The Regulation REACH – European regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (Regulation EG/1907/2006), is effective since 1 July 2007, and all the essential duties and requirements imposed by this regulation apply to “substances” and “preparations”.

The aim of this regulation is to control the chemical substances to ensure a high level of protection related with human health and environment, while promoting the industrial competitiveness and innovation.

A key element of this regulation is the mandatory registration, by Producers or Importers of substances, which requires them to provide a set of information regarding risks and conditions of use of those substances.

When these substances are incorporated in products (defined by REACH as “articles”) the respective manufacturers have the obligation to confirm that the regulated substances and preparations used in its processes are duly registered and fulfil the REACH requirements.

All the products manufactured by Sonae Arauco Portugal, SA are classified by REACH as ‘articles’.

Sonae Arauco Portugal, SA is considered as a Downstream Users and recognize its obligations under REACH. As such, Sonae Arauco Portugal, SA takes action to ensure the continued supply of its products in accordance with this Regulation.

Thus, it has been developing actions in order to:

1. Ensure compliance of the instructions from the material safety data sheets provided by suppliers, for all products used which are controlled substances under REACH;
2. Contact the suppliers, to inform the usual uses of the products supplied, as well as new information regarding the risks of the substance or preparation use, to ensure a clear definition of exposure scenarios;
3. If necessary, pre-register the products or substances, if the import quantities, from countries outside the European Union, are above one ton per year, or delegate this responsibility to an exclusive representative. Noted that, in such a situation, the customer will be informed immediately, ensuring the communication of information throughout the supply chain.

Additionally, and taking as reference the information made available at the ECHA, European Chemicals Agency website (echa.europa.eu) on this date, Sonae Arauco Portugal, SA can confirm that its products do not contain any of the substances included in the following lists in a concentration above 0.1%:

- List of substances under Authorization, or recommended to be included in this list;
- SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) Candidate List.

To ensure compliance with this regulation, Sonae Arauco Portugal, SA is continually in contact with its suppliers to ensure that they know their own obligations, and comply with requirements.

For further information we are available to answer any questions.



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