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REACH – new European Community regulation

Dear customer,

REACH, is a new European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use ([EC 1907/2006](#)). REACH concerns European manufacturers, EU importers and downstream users of chemical substances. REACH concerns also chemical substances in articles. The Regulation deals with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical substances. The new Regulation entered into force on 1st of June 2007.


The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment. This Regulation is based on the principle that it is for manufacturers, importers and downstream users to ensure that they manufacture, place on the market or use such substances that do not adversely affect human health or the environment. Its provisions are underpinned by the precautionary principle.

Nokian Tyres Plc is aware of its obligations according to REACH regulation and has been in close contact to its raw material suppliers to clarify the registration needs of used and imported substances of the company. Nokian Tyres Plc confirms that all the substances used or imported by the company will be registrated according to REACH regulation either by its suppliers or by the company.

According to REACH all tyres, rims, studs and inner tubes are classified as an article. The substances are not intended to be released from tyres, rims, studs or inner tubes under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. Because of that there is no need to register those substances.

According to REACH, Nokian Group has to notify European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) when their article contains a substance on the Candidate List. This obligation applies, if the substance is present above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w) and its quantities in the produced / imported articles (tyres, rims, studs or inner tubes) are above 1 tonne in total per year per company. Nokian Group must also provide information to its customers, if the produced / imported article (tyres, rims, studs or inner tubes) contains the substance on the Candidate List and the substance is present in the articles above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w). This information must ensure safe use of the articles. Nokian Tyres Plc does not use the substances on the Candidate List in its own production. It is not known that any substances on the Candidate List were used in the products (including tyres, inner tubes, rims and studs) supplied by the company or its subsidiaries. Nokian Tyres Plc fulfils also all the demands of annex XVII point 50 concerning Polycyclic-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH).

Nokian Tyres Plc hereby confirms that we are operating according to REACH in the whole Group including Nokian Heavy Tyres Plc and Vianor companies and that tyres manufactured and distributed in our company does not contain any SVHC-substances listed by ECHA (ECHA updates the list of SVHC-substances on its official web page http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp)



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