



REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals - thus for the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemical substances.

The legal basis for REACH is the EC Regulation No. 1907/2006. The REACH Regulation, which came into force on June 1, 2007, was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on December 18, 2006. Since then, the REACH Regulation has been directly and equally binding in all EU member states without the need for national implementation.

The aim of this regulation is to ensure an enormously high level of protection for human health and for the environment, as well as to guarantee the free movement of substances on their own, in preparations or in articles. ATX Hardware GmbH West considers this fundamental social goal to be far more desirable and indispensable. Therefore, at ATX Hardware GmbH West, business decisions and actions are always checked for environmentally relevant aspects and effects.

In our own interest and above all to ensure a high level of product safety, we intensively follow the implementation of REACH and the resulting requirements.

ATX Hardware GmbH West is a downstream user in the sense of the EC Regulation 1907/2006; a natural or legal person based in the European Community who uses a substance as such or in a preparation in the course of his industrial or commercial activities.

The products placed on the market by ATX Hardware GmbH West are articles. They do not contain substances that are intentionally released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use.

All preparations used by ATX Hardware GmbH West have always been checked with regard to their use by means of the extended safety data sheets of our suppliers. For this purpose, corresponding processes have been established at ATX Hardware GmbH West to ensure that only applications purely approved by the manufacturer are carried out.

Since ATX Hardware GmbH West does not manufacture any substances and does not import any substances from outside the European Economic Area, there is no reason for ATX Hardware GmbH West to carry out pre-registration or registration itself. Within the supply chain, necessary pre-registrations and registrations are carried out by our sub-suppliers.

According to Article 33 „Obligation to pass on information about substances in articles“ we are constantly in contact with our suppliers to clarify whether the products delivered to us contain substances of very high concern (SVHC) in a concentration of more than 0.1 mass percent (w/w). The SVHC are substances that are listed in the so-called „candidate list“. The current legally binding list can be viewed at <http://echa.europa.eu/de/candidate-list-table>.



We do not routinely test for the presence of SVHC and analytical monitoring of possible contamination is not part of our incoming or outgoing inspection. Many substances are widely used and can therefore potentially be detected as an impurity in the product.

According to our knowledge and against the background of the information provided by our suppliers, we can confirm that with the listing of lead (CAS No. 7439-92-1) as SVHC, some of the articles placed on the market by ATX Hardware GmbH West contain substances of very high concern (SVHC) of the current „Candidate List“ (as of 01.07.2021) with more than 0.1 mass percent.

When using the products placed on the market by ATX Hardware GmbH West as intended, no contained substances are intentionally released, nor does the contained substance itself pose a hazard.

We would like to point out that the listing of lead as SVHC is not a ban on lead, but a communication obligation along the supply chain. Currently, lead remains an important alloying element for aluminum, steel and copper materials. Lead-containing materials have long been proven to offer a number of technological advantages, notably increased corrosion resistance, improved cold and hot formability, improved machinability, as well as improved sliding and frictional behavior and increased tightness.

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ATX Hardware GmbH West

The Management
Pürgen, January 2024

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Designation	SVHC	Date of acceptance	Restriction on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, preparations and products.
Fixture	Plumb (CAS-Nr. 7439-92-1)	01.01.2019	
Fixture accessories, in particular contact pins	Plumb (CAS-Nr. 7439-92-1)	01.01.2019	