

Metsä Board

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Metsä Board Corporation's policy is to minimise the environmental, health and safety risks of its raw materials. This includes the chemicals used in our production processes.

All Metsä Board mills comply with European Community regulations and local laws in the selection, storage and use of chemicals. The EC regulation on chemicals and their safe use (EC 1907/2006) deal with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances (REACH). This regulation requires all chemical substances used in paperboard and paper to be registered in the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) database. As a so-called "downstream user" of these substances, Metsä Board accepts only chemicals that have been registered in this database. We regularly communicate to our suppliers that we only accept pre-registered substances for use in our products.

The list of substances that have been pre-registered was published by the ECHA in January 2009:

<http://apps.echa.europa.eu/preregistered/pre-registered-sub.aspx>

The list of substances that have been registered is available at ECHA's website:

<http://apps.echa.europa.eu/registered/registered-sub.aspx>

The ECHA also publishes a candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), which includes substances that may have very serious and often irreversible effects on humans and the environment:

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_en.asp

Based on the declarations submitted by our raw material suppliers in compliance with our systems for traceability of all incoming raw materials, and on our knowledge of the manufacturing process, we can confirm that Metsä Board mills are not using any substances defined as SVHC. We continue to monitor the SVHC candidate list for any updates.

At Metsä Board, we have also carried out a risk assessment to guarantee a continuous supply of the chemicals that we need for our processes and have trained our personnel to understand the requirements that REACH sets for our production units.

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