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To  
our customers

## **Customer Information regarding Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) and related amending regulations**

Based on the current state of knowledge, the company Hottinger Brüel & Kjaer GmbH located in Germany, hereinafter referred to as HBK, can provide you, our customers, with the following information about the implementation of REACH at HBK. In this context, the term "product" means any product we place on the market in the European Community.

### **1. HBK products classified as "substance" according to REACH:**

- Not applicable

### **2. HBK products classified as "preparation" according to REACH:**

- We have enclosed a safety data sheet with all products sold by HBK and classified as hazardous according to the German GefStoffV (hazardous materials regulation), resp. Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, for many years already (see Internet [www.hbm.com](http://www.hbm.com)).
- For all other products containing chemicals we also provide a safety data sheet on the Internet from which you can get the relevant information.
- Safety data sheets have either already been modified to comply with REACH requirements or they will be modified in due time.
- **The annual quantity of substances contained in these products is less than 1 to in each case.** Insofar HBK has no obligation to register under REACH.

### **3. HBK products classified as "article" according to REACH:**

- We consider all other products produced by ourselves or imported **not** to be **covered by REACH**:
  - No product containing a substance which exceeds an annual quantity of 1 to and is released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use,

- No product containing a substance which exceeds an annual quantity of 1 to, whose concentration exceeds 0.1 % by mass (w/w) and which meets the criteria in article 57 (CMR, PBT, vPvB).

#### 4. Communication with suppliers:

- In terms of communication demanded by REACH, HBK is in close contact with its suppliers in order to meet REACH requirements. So we asked them to ensure pre-registration, if required, and to notify us of any substances of very high concern (SVHC, see REACH article 33).
- This also applies for the substances and preparations used in our production for ensuring consistent, REACH-compliant continuation of delivery.

#### 5. Communication duty according to REACH article 32 and 33 (SVHC):

- Based on feedback from our suppliers we assume that our articles do not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC) involving a duty to inform according to article 33.
- However, we will keep an eye on the so-called "ECHA candidate list" and annex XIV. We have asked our suppliers to provide up-to-date information as soon as relevant changes occur.
- This also applies to the communication duty according to article 32 regarding authorisation or restriction of chemicals in connection with annex XVII.

HBK assumes that REACH will have **no impact on the HBK product range** and therefore on you as our customer.

From our point of view, any use of HBK products other than intended is not suitable. So we consider registration by you, our customer, as a so-called "downstream user" to be unnecessary. If you use any of the concerned products in a different way, please notify us.

If you are a customer using one of the concerned products, you can be sure that **we will keep you updated about all necessary safety protection measures or any changes**, particularly regarding potential SVHC, as soon as we know.

At last we ask you as a downstream user to carefully read our information for the protection of human health and our environment and to implement it accordingly.