

ABET LAMINATI

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**Re.: REACH Regulation - "Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restrictions of Chemicals"
N. 1907/2006 CE**

Dear Customer,

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) is an integrated system for registration, evaluation and authorization of chemical substances, which is focused on the highest protection level for human and environment health.

The main goal of REACH Regulation is to improve the knowledge about hazards and risks related to both existing chemical substances (already on the UE market since September 1981) and the new ones (on the EU market after September 1981). At the same time, the Regulation is intended to maintain and to enhance the competitiveness and the innovation of the European chemical industry.

The regulation is governed by ECHA, European Chemicals Agency, which provides continuous communications and information through guidance documents, practical guides, consultation procedure. These and other support tools are available on the website <https://echa.europa.eu/it/home>.

Abet Laminati S.p.A. carefully follows the evolution of REACH regulation to guarantee the compliance of its products. This means Abet Laminati S.p.A. is very active in the control of its suppliers in order to verify their adjustment to the instructions fixed by the regulation.

The complete range of Abet Laminati S.p.A. products must be considered "articles" as defined by the REACH regulation.

Abet Laminati products:

- do not contain substances that "are intended to be released in the normal use condition" and therefore they do not need any kind of registration,
- being considered articles, do not require a safety data sheet as established by articles 31 and 32 of REACH for substances and mixtures. In any case, for information concerning the handling safety instructions, please consult the Product Data Sheet PDS-01 on our website abetlaminati.com.

Last Update of the "Candidate List":

On 17 January 2023, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published an updated candidate list for substances of very high concern (SVHC). Among other substances "**melamine**" was added to this list.

The REACH Regulation stipulates that a manufacturer must inform customers as soon as an SVHC substance is contained in the product in a proportion greater than 0.1 percent by weight.

Regarding the use of melamine (CAS 108-78-19), Abet Laminati S.p.A informs that:

- in the laminate manufacturing process, melamine is not used as an isolated substance, but in the form of thermosetting resin.
- the proportion of free melamine in Abet Laminati HPL panels is well below 0,1% w/w, as demonstrated by chemical analysis carried out on finished products according to the test method¹ for free melamine M2951 Rev. 1 2023 (HPLC-UV – Ref. IHD-W-489).

¹ Analysis performed by Alfa Solutions Laboratory (Reggio Emilia, Italy) according to the internal test procedure developed by the Institute of Wood Technology of Dresden.

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This means Abet for the moment does not have to submit a notification to ECHA about the content of melamine in its articles (art. 7 Reg. Reach). The main consequences of this addition to the candidate SVHC list are for manufacturers and importers of melamine and of melamine-containing resins to update their product safety data sheets.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

Best regards.

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