



REACH candidate list

We are observing the development of the information obligation under Section 33 very closely. As soon as the candidate list was published on 28 October 2008 we contacted our suppliers in order to obtain the information required.

Several of the substances (SVHC) identified in the candidate list are widely used; DEHP especially is used as a softener in plastic parts. These softening agents can still be contained in products delivered by us, e.g. in electric cables, hoses, wheels, handles and similar parts and components. If used in accordance with the designated use, no danger to health or the environment emanates from these substances. The use of these substances is in accordance with applicable provisions of statute. However, in order to forestall any possible prohibitions, we are already active in replacing these substances as far as is technically possible.

As far as Kärcher cleaning agents are concerned, we can already confirm today that they do not contain any substances on the candidate list dated 28 October 2008.

If you require any further details, please don't hesitate to contact the Kärcher environment department.

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