Information on the printing inks, varnishes and related products supplied by European member companies of the hubergroup **with regard to the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006**

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1. Registration of Substances

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH Regulation) requires that substances (chemicals) must be registered. This applies to substances as such and to substances in mixtures. This means that all substances in the raw materials which are used by **huber**group member companies to formulate printing inks and related products marketed in the EU must be registered either by ourselves or by our upstream raw materials suppliers.

This is to confirm that all substances requiring registration in accordance with REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 which are used in the manufacture of printing inks, varnishes and related products labelled with the **huber**group brand and supplied by member companies of the **hubergroup** located in the European Union, have been registered by the European member companies of the **huber**group or by our suppliers (according to the information available to us).

We are in contact with our suppliers to ensure that the raw materials we require continue to be available, enabling us to supply our products to our customers without interruption.

2. Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)

European **huber**group companies are anxious to not use raw materials for the production of printing inks, varnishes and related products, containing the following substances:

- Authorised Substances (see annex XIV REACH Regulation)
- Substances placed on candidate list by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- Raw materials that (according to the information given to us by our raw materials suppliers) contain such substances

As soon as new substances are proposed for inclusion in the Candidate List, we immediately check whether one or more of them are contained in any raw material we use. Under the provisions of REACH, we are obliged to notify our customers of all substances on the SVHC Candidate List that are present in our products in concentrations above 0.1%.

If a substance which is listed on the candidate list is present in a product, we will include this substance in the respective Safety Data Sheet.

Substances classified as acute toxic cat. 1-3 or CMR (carcinogenic, mutagenic, or toxic for reproduction) cat. 1A or 1B according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 are excluded by the EuPIA Exclusion Policy and are therefore not used as raw materials for **huber**group printing inks. Chemicals which are put on the SVHC Candidate List typically fall under these exclusion criteria, therefore **huber**group printing inks were rarely affected during the last decade, and only in cases where substances had been re-classified due to new scientific findings.

We are not in a position to foresee future classification changes of substances, or responsible European bodies placing a substance on the SVHC Candidate List that until now has been regarded as being of no concern. In this case, we will of course update our Safety Data Sheets. (Please see also our separate declaration with regard to the ECHA Candidate List of SVHC)

3. Authorisation List (Annex XIV)

We confirm that substances or groups of substances included in the Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 are not intentionally used in the manufacture of

Offset printing inks and varnishes (sheetfed, heat-set, coldset),
UV-/Radiation curing printing inks and lacquers
ACRYLAC water-based overprint varnishes
Solvent-based flexo and gravure printing inks and lacquers
Fountain solution concentrates
HYDRO-X water-based printing inks, varnishes, concentrates and extenders
ACRYLAC printing inks

supplied with **huber**group labels by member companies of the **huber**group, located in the European Union, to customers located in the European Union.

However, the presence of trace amounts in the products coming from raw material impurities, from the process or as adventitious contaminant cannot be excluded.

4. List of Restrictions (Annex XVII)

Restrictions limit or ban the manufacture, placing on the market or use of certain substances.

This is to confirm that the printing inks, varnishes and related products supplied with **huber**group labels by member companies of the **huber**group, located in the European Union, to customers located in the European Union, fulfill the requirements of Annex XVII, as far as they are applicable to printing inks and varnishes for industrial application.

5. Safety Data Sheets / Information in the Supply Chain

The Safety Data Sheet is the central instrument for communicating safety-related information between suppliers and customers. Safety Data Sheets provided by **huber**group companies are compiled in accordance with the current provisions of the REACH Regulation and fulfil the legal requirements.

If raw material suppliers send an "extended Safety Data Sheet" (eSDS) for a substance that has already been registered, this information will be incorporated into our safety data management system and taken into account.

We support the "Descriptors of Use for the manufacture and application of coatings, inks and artists' colours" identified and defined by the European Council of the Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry (CEPE).

These descriptors cover the uses and exposure scenarios of all products supplied by the European member companies of the **huber**group. All products supplied are recommended by us solely for the uses specified in these documents.

In case one of our customers intends to use a product supplied by us in a way not specified in our Technical Data sheets, we would like to point to the possibility that, after expiry of the respective substance registration deadline, the customer (being a downstream user) notifies the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) of additional uses not mentioned in the eSDS and prepares his own Chemical Safety Report.

Disclaimer:
The information contained herein is based upon data believed to be up-to-date and correct at the time of writing. It is provided to our customers in order to enable them to answer specific customer requests. Since the application of the inks and the conditions of use are beyond our control, the information provided does not represent a guarantee of any kind for the final printed product.

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