

REACH Regulation Policy

The acronym REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization of CHemicals and defines the new Regulation (EC) 1907/2006, which came into force on 1st June 2007 and was implemented by the Italian Republic on 18/01/2008 with the Ministerial Decree of 22nd November 2007. The objective of this Regulation is to allow a responsible use of chemical substances and it is aimed at manufacturers and importers in the European Community of chemical substances, regardless of whether they are classified and labelled as hazardous or non hazardous, in quantities of one tonne or more per calendar year.

The REACH Regulation requires the registration of all substances that are manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities of one tonne or more per year and has the following objectives:

- to improve awareness of hazards and risks related to chemical products thus ensuring a high level of protection for human health and the environment;
- to promote the development of alternative methods to those requiring the use of vertebrate animals for the assessment of the hazardous properties of substances;
- to maintain and enhance competitiveness and innovation in the EU chemical industry.

The SMAT NORD Management is constantly committed to operating in a socially responsible and environment-friendly manner.

This policy has been adopted to discourage the use of substances that are hazardous to human health or the environment.

The global supply chain, however, is complex and tracing substances in our products is a difficult challenge. SMAT NORD is classified as an "Articles Manufacturer" and its products fall within the "articles" category (Art. 7 par. 1, Chapter 1, Title II), therefore it is exempted from the requirement to register and notify chemical substances in their products, however it is working with due diligence and has undertaken a process of awareness and full cooperation with its Suppliers to ensure they also avoid the use of substances that are hazardous to human health or the environment.

The SMAT NORD Management has drawn up, documented and distributed their Policy regarding the REACH Regulation, ensuring that it is understood, implemented and followed by all levels of the organization.

The Policy in relation to the REACH Regulation is re-examined and, when necessary, updated as part of Management Review.