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**REACH, substances on the Candidate List (SVHC) and substances in Annex XIV  
(Authorisation)**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The AHC Oberflächentechnik GmbH plants are downstream users and are not directly responsible for the registration of substances. Substances and substances in preparations, in electrolytes and in solutions are used specifically for surface treatment. While we coat products, our process chemical suppliers are and were responsible for registration.

We exclusively use registered substances or preparations of such registered substances.

Some of our plants also use surface treatment processes with substances listed in the candidate list (SVCH; according to Article 58 REACH). These substances are currently not replaceable. We are continuously looking for alternatives.

As a supplier of surface refinement of components, we are obliged to inform our customers if the concentration of 0.1% by weight in the product of one of the substances on the candidate list is exceeded. According to our investigations, this has not yet been the case.

Should a substance be included from the candidate list in Annex XIV under REACH, we will have to decide whether we will continue to use the substance through an authorisation procedure or stop the surface treatment process.

The substances listed in Annex XVII according to REACH are not present in our surface coatings.

Kind regards

**AHC Oberflächentechnik GmbH**

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