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Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern 'SVHC in Articles'

EU Regulation No 1907/2006 & UK Statutory Instrument SI 2019/758 (as amended) on the:
Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

Tata Steel takes the implementation of REACH seriously. Authorisation is a major part of REACH in which we have identified the need to communicate openly and positively with our suppliers and customers.

Under REACH, the steel products Tata Steel supplies to its customers and downstream users are designated as articles¹. This statement applies to this definition of steel articles.

On 14th June 2023 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published an update of the Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) subject to the authorisation process. Article 33 of REACH obliges suppliers of articles containing a substance on the SVHC Candidate list in a concentration greater than 0.1%w/w to communicate this information. A further 2 substances were placed on the EU Candidate list, making the total count now stand at 235. The UK REACH Candidate list, which came into force on 1st January 2021, has not yet been updated.

None of the 235 substances in the SVHC Candidate list are present in a concentration above 0.1% w/w in any of the **steel articles** we supply with respect to our Tata Steel business units.

Since 5 January 2021, companies placing articles on the EU market that contain SVHCs on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1%w/w have been required to submit information on these articles to ECHA. ECHA has established the **SCIP database** (Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects, Products) for these notifications. Since the steel articles supplied by Tata Steel do not contain any substances on the SVHC Candidate list in a concentration greater than 0.1%w/w, notifications to the SCIP database are **not required** for these products. The UK has not adopted the requirement to notify to the SCIP database.

Due to the judgement of the Court of Justice of 10 September 2015 in case C-106/14, ECHA have changed their guidance document on substances in articles with regards to the presence of SVHC in an article. The 0.1% w/w threshold now applies to each article in an object, in which more than one article have been joined or assembled together. When Tata Steel communicates with its customers and downstream users regarding the presence of SVHC in articles it supplies, Tata Steel will use this definition.

Tata Steel will continue to monitor the SVHC Candidate list and update customers and downstream users where relevant. It is the intention of REACH to stimulate communication on substances along the supply chain. If you require any further information please contact your local Commercial / Technical / REACH contact.

The candidate list can be accessed using this link:
<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table>

¹ Steel Articles are defined as first cast products, which are not re-melted for further processing. Ingots that are cast to be re-melted are defined as preparations under REACH. Please see Eurofer position paper for further reference ([Eurofer website](#))

