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## REACH

To whom it may concern

Recent EU legislation has placed a responsibility on industry to ensure that the usage of dangerous chemicals is reduced and to that effect all chemicals used in the EU will have to be registered. The regulations covering this process have the acronym REACH.

These regulations apply to chemicals and so the needle felts supplied by Andrew Webron Ltd. (being articles) are exempted.

Similarly, the raw materials used to manufacture needle felts are also articles being produced from fibres made from synthetic polymers and as such are also exempt.

A proportion of our product range is chemically treated with commonplace chemical systems such as fluorocarbons and acrylics. Our current understanding is that these are also exempt when supplied on needle felts.

So as of now we believe that all needle felts supplied by Andrew Webron Ltd. do not require registration under REACH.

We are in the process of contacting our suppliers and awaiting confirmation from them that they have carried out any appropriate pre-registration, or if not required by them, that they have passed the request further up the supply chain.

The above comments reflect our current understanding of the legislation after taking advice from the UK government. As REACH becomes more widely known and protocols evolve it may be modified at some stage.

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