

3 November 2008

Re: **Ferraz Shawmut and REACH**

Dear Sir or Madam,

FERRAZ SHAWMUT's business is to offer high quality products and services for safety, meeting our customers' cost, quality and environmental impact requirements.

FERRAZ SHAWMUT, like any **producer of Articles**, must take into account E.U. regulation 1907/2006 named REACH for Registration Evaluation Authorization and restrictions of CHemicals. The Substances in a Preparation or Article must be pre-registered and then registered by the manufacturer/importer at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

FERRAZ SHAWMUT is **neither a producer nor an importer** of substances/preparations, with the exception of an exempted natural substance, wollastonite, and therefore does not need any pre-registration. Most substances and preparations contained in our products are very common and are no particularly critical.

FERRAZ SHAWMUT has reviewed the Candidate List of 15 Substances of Very High Concern (**SVHC**). To our present knowledge, those substances are **not present** in our products to a concentration above 0.1 %(w/w). Nevertheless, we have asked our plastic suppliers to confirm this to us.

As a **Downstream user** in the value chain, FERRAZ SHAWMUT will:

- Continue to drive our strict policy regarding Occupational Health and Safety based on the new versions of Safety Data Sheets,
- Monitor by-the-supplier-identified uses of Substances and Preparations contained in our products,
- Seek out possibilities to substitute or reformulate in anticipation of possible disappearances of Substances and changes in Preparations.

FERRAZ SHAWMUT's active communication policy with our suppliers and customers should help avoid any potential adverse effect of REACH on our products, which will continue to ensure and to enhance the Safety of people and property.

Yours,

Catherine JAGU  
Vice President, Quality & Environment