

Masterbatch - Ready for REACH

Masterbatches in regulatory terms are considered as preparations. A preparation has to be understood as a mixture of substances with different chemical identity.

Preparations have not to be registered or pre-registered. A company that introduces a preparation to the EU market, however, has to make sure that all components of the preparation are pre-registered or registered. Without the pre-registration or registration of single substances, further sale of the preparation is no longer possible.

Accordingly, A. Schulman has taken necessary measures to ensure pre-registration and registration of such materials related to Masterbatches. The pre-registration period ends Nov. 30th 2008, but we can already today give a definite statement that all substances will be pre-registered by our suppliers and in some cases by ourselves.

We expect that for all materials we can make use of the pre-registration period. The raw materials therefore should be available after Nov. 30th 2008 as well.

After the transitional period, further availability of the raw materials depends on the course of the registration process. At the moment it is not possible to make any final statement on future availability of raw materials beyond the transitional period.

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