

EU Regulation REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

iC-Haus is a manufacturer and supplier of integrated circuits and microelectronic systems which according to the EU regulation REACH¹ are classed as "articles". As iC-Haus articles do not give off substances under "normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions", they do not need to be registered under REACH. "Normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions" for iC-Haus articles includes storage, processing/assembly and operation in keeping with the conditions given in the relevant article specifications and applicable accompanying documents.

Semiconductor technology is one of the branches of industry which has a far-reaching global distribution of work and services. An extensive network of national and international suppliers and service providers is thus also indispensable to iC-Haus. In order to ensure a reliable supply of products iC-Haus has defined its position to its suppliers and taken necessary steps regarding the implementation of REACH. The following roles and measures shall be mentioned here:

Procurement of articles

iC-Haus only procures articles which – like iC-Haus' end articles – do not release chemical substances on proper use and are thus not subject to registration. This applies to acquisition both within and outside the EU, in which iC-Haus adopts the REACH role of "importer of articles".

Procurement of preparations

During assembly iC-Haus processes substances which are defined by REACH as "preparations". Examples of these are adhesives, fillings and coatings and solder paste. In the obtaining of these preparations iC-Haus focuses solely on suppliers based within the EU or who have an "only representative" role according to REACH so that availability is not threatened.

Information on potential SVHCs

Independent of the registration process iC-Haus is obliged to inform its customer as stipulated in Article 33 of the REACH regulation, if products contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC; REACH Article 57) in a concentration of at least 0.1% weight by weight.

The obligations became operative with the first SVHC list published October 10, 2008 (<http://echa.europa.eu>) and have been put into practice by iC-Haus according to the respective current SVHC list.

Since currently no iC-Haus products fulfil the above criteria the customer information is published on our website www.ichaus.de/support_rohs_reach.php only resp. individually on request.

Additionally our delivery notes contain relevant information on RoHS and REACH.

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Enclosure: REACH: 1. Standard Communication along the Supply Chain. See also e.g. the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association: www.acea.be/index.php/news/category/reach/

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 18, 2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

REACH: 1. Standard Communication Along the Supply Chain¹

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Declaration of intent for REACH implementation

Different responses may be given to delivered "products" (which according to REACH terminology can be substances, preparations or articles). In this case separate sheets are used and the relevant box/es checked for each product category.

Substances Preparations Articles

1. We (the supplier) confirm that we understand our obligations under REACH.
Yes No
2. If our company is located outside the EU/EEA we will ensure that you, our customer, do not need to act as importer under REACH e.g. by nominating an only representative. We answer questions 3-8 on behalf of our importer/only representative.
Yes No
3. The intention is that all substances in the products we supply to you, which require registration, will be pre-registered by us or an actor further up our supply chain.
Yes (If yes, go to Q5) No
4. We will send a list of "products" supplied to you for which there are substances that are not intended to be pre-registered.
Yes No
5. We confirm, or have confirmed with the actors in our supply chain, that the intention is to register for your use(s) the substances that we/they pre-register.
Yes No
6. By 30 November 2008, we will send you a list of all "products" that contain substances likely to be included in the candidate list (see guidance and tools in step 6.1 of the AIG compliance schedule and REACH Article 57).
Yes No None expected
7. We will send you a list of all "products" that contain substances on the candidate list within 45 days of its publication, or confirmation that there are none (see step 6.3 of the AIG compliance schedule and Article 57).
Yes No
8. We will have a dialogue with you and our suppliers regarding safe use and risk management measures (RMMs) for the substances and preparations we supply to you.
Yes No Not applicable

NB: The following aforementioned confirmations are **not applicable** to iC-Haus:

On 2: The company iC-Haus is based **within** the EU.

On 3 & 4: iC-Haus exclusively supplies articles which are **not subject to registration** under REACH. See also iC-Haus's customer information on REACH.

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