

Total Polymers

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REACH Regulation No.1907/2006/EU

I refer to your recent enquiry on the above subject.

Based on information provided by our raw material suppliers it is our understanding that all substances used by Colourtone Masterbatch in the manufacture of masterbatches supplied to Total Polymers were pre-registered in the initial phase of the introduction of the REACH Regulation.

The products manufactured by Colourtone are classified in REACH as mixtures and are not, therefore, required to themselves be registered under the new legislation.

It is possible that some of our raw materials will ultimately become unavailable following decisions made by our suppliers during the Registration phases that are now in progress. Some materials may be rationalised and withdrawn from sale as a result of the costs involved and data requirements for Registration. However, we will receive sufficient warning of this eventuality to give us and our suppliers ample opportunity to develop alternative formulations.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) periodically introduces amendments to the candidate list of substances of very high concern (SVHC) for potential inclusion in Annex XIV (substances requiring Authorisation for continued use). Colourtone monitors these amendments for the inclusion of any raw materials used in our masterbatches. There are no SVHC present in any of the masterbatches shown below.

PS Yellow 12710, PS Orange 21166, PS Red 33271, PS Blue 53956, PS Cyan 53957
PS Green 63344, PS Tan 82792, PS White 90900

We have written to our suppliers advising them in general terms of the typical uses to which Colourtone and its downstream customers put the substances contained in our products, using the Use Descriptor system developed by the ECHA. It is possible that additional information may be required by our suppliers for completion of their Registration documentation. This may include: more detailed descriptions of processes; exposure conditions and control measures; end-user usage conditions.

We are unable to supply pre-registration numbers for the raw materials in our products as this information is not provided by our suppliers and this is not a statutory requirement.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Denton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Denton
Technical Manager