SVHC & silicone products

What does it mean?

SVHC ...

- ... are Substances of Very High Concern.
- ... are defined and listed by ECHA, the European Chemical Agency.
- ... are substances that will be evaluated for their CMR and vPvB properties.
- ... is a topic of many customers for industrial and construction products.

D4, D5, D6 ...

- ... are ring-formed dimethyl siloxanes with 4, 5, 6 silicon atoms in the ring.
- ... are intrinsic side products in silicone polymers and plasticizers.
- ... can be base raw materials to produce silicone polymers and plasticizer.
- ... are classified as SVHC since June 2018.
- ... need to be mentioned on the MSDS of any silicone product when level >0,1%.
- ... are expected to be restricted for REACH registration within 2021-2023.

How does this influence CPG?

We are a compounder and not producer of plasticizers and polymers. That's why we cannot control, reduce or measure D4, D5, D6 to be <0,1%. We have to rely on the information given by our suppliers of polymers / plasticizers. D4, D5, D6 is heavily discussed in Deutsche Bauchemie, FEICA, etc. We are legally bound to inform our customers about SVHC in our products. EHS is continuously asked by customers to state SVHC content (including D4, D5, D6).

What is the strategy / scope of this topic CPG?

CPG (tremco illbruck) is a supplier of high quality products and part of that is making sure the endusers can use our products as safely as possible. This means the management took the decision to make sure we deliver products where the SVHC level is $\leq 0.1\%$ if technically possible.

Which products are involved?

In principle all silicones which we have in the portfolio are potentially affected, depending on which suppliers of plasticizer or polymer are involved.

The status where we are today in relation to suppliers and products, we can state that almost all our silicone products have a level of $\leq 0.1\%$ SVHC. The only exceptions are FS125/500/703 and FA190. For these products we are analysing the business risk of not having this classification (SVHC $\leq 0.1\%$) and the possible mid-term solutions (as in the short term there aren't any). We keep you posted on any progress made with these products.

This letter is only for internal use. We will come with a version you can share with customers, etc.

Do not hesitate to give one of us a call if you have a question on this topic. With kind regards,

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Appendix

Example of the effect on the MSDS when level is >0.1%...

