

**REACH - General Conformity Declaration**  
**from Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG – Plastics Processing**  
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Dear customer,

As a plastics processor Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG considered as a "downstream user" according to Article 3 No. 13 of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (hereinafter referred to as REACH Regulation). In principle, downstream users are neither subject to the obligation to register nor to the obligation to prepare safety data sheets according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

Although plastic granulates, according to the interpretation of the European authorities, are equated with chemical mixtures, they receive a specific shape, surface and/or design in the processing process, which determines their final function is greater extent than their chemical composition. Through this, plastic products fulfil the legal requirements according to Article 3 No. 3 of the REACH Regulation as an "article".

For chemical substances, mixtures and articles, the REACH Regulation stipulates in Articles 31 ff. the obligation to pass on information on (hazardous<sup>1</sup>) substances along the supply chain. In order to be able to guarantee the legal conformity of the raw materials and supplies delivered to us for our company and our products within the scope of the REACH Regulation, Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG maintains close contact with its suppliers and requires them to check continuously the current candidate list<sup>2</sup> of the European Chemicals Agency. Furthermore, Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG obliges its suppliers to inform us immediately if they become aware of hazardous substances in the products supplied.

Likewise, in the event that we become aware of hazardous ingredients (candidate list) in the products supplied to you, we undertake to inform you immediately and to replace the identified substances as soon as possible. This declaration is not affected by updates to the candidate list.

To the best of our knowledge, our products, in particular those delivered to you, do not contain any hazardous substances in concentrations exceeding 0.1% by mass (w/w) in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, as amended, and do not contain any substances subject to authorisation or restricted substances in accordance with Annexes XIV and XVII.

If you have any questions in connection with the REACH regulation, our employee Mr. Jörn Grabowski (phone: +49 (0) 2166/95 22-21, email: [jgrabowski@b-plastic.com](mailto:jgrabowski@b-plastic.com)) will be pleased to help you.

Klaus Bethke (managing director)  
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<sup>1</sup> According to the criteria of article 57 resp. article 59 of the REACH Regulation in a concentration of more than 0.1% by mass (w/w).

<sup>2</sup> The currently valid "Candidate List" is made available on the website of the European Chemicals Agency under the following web link:  
<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>