

Dear customers of Hepco & Becker GmbH,

The new legislation on the use of chemicals (REACH<sup>1</sup> on 1 June 2007) was established within the European Union to achieve the maximum degree of safety when dealing with chemicals. Under certain conditions, manufacturers or importers of articles have the obligation to register substances in articles with the ECHA, the disclosure of information on Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) as well as the registration of substances intended to be released from articles is regulated. Another key aspect of REACH is the use restriction of certain substances valid for the substance itself, its mixtures and articles (e.g. for hazardous substances used in polymer production).

- The articles of Hepco & Becker GmbH do not contain substances that are intended to be released.
- According to the current analysis of the information requested, none of the products supplied by Hepco & Becker GmbH contain any substance included in the candidate list (SVHC) above the concentration limit of 0.1% by mass.
- According to the current state of knowledge of Hepco & Becker GmbH, no substances are used in the products for which there is a corresponding restriction.

Hepco & Becker GmbH established a quality assurance system enquiring all relevant information from the suppliers of raw materials to ensure compliance with REACH. If regular inspections of the raw materials reveal that a substance of the candidate list is above the threshold, we will inform our customers immediately and comprehensively.

Hepco & Becker GmbH assumes the obligations arising from the REACH regulation. Further details regarding restriction, listing or the safety of the products can be given at any time on request.

With kind regards

HEPCO & BECKER GmbH

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 18, 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94, Council Directive 76/769 / EEC and Council Directive 91/155 / EEC, / 67 / EEC, 93/105 / EC and 2000/21 / EC of the Commission