

NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

Subject: Chromium Trioxide - Confirm Basis of Continued Use

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For the attention of suppliers of parts and services in GB i.e. Wales, Scotland, and England, the European Union, European Economic Area, and Northern Ireland, in particular those dependent upon corrosion protection coatings and hard chrome plating

Affected parts could include gas turbine parts, fasteners, pipes, connectors, linkages, gears, bearings and many other types of components.

On 20th April 2023, the EU Courts of Justice (CJEU) [annulled](#) certain "CTAC" REACH Authorisation decisions related to the use of Chromium Trioxide in coating systems and functional (hard) chrome plating, coming into effect on 20th April 2024.

CTAC was the Chromium Trioxide Authorisation Consortium. Affected uses were authorised up to September 2024, pending extension. Downstream users should be aware of Authorisation details via Safety Data Sheets for affected chemical substances and mixtures. [REACH](#) is the European Union regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals.

In October 2023, the European Commission [clarified](#) that use under these Applications for Authorisation can continue up until the point that a decision to Reject them has been made through the legally defined process.

Other Applications for Authorisation may be used as the basis for continued use, where they cover the specific substance, use scenario and route of supply, once those Authorisations are approved.

Users of chemicals subject to REACH Authorisation are reminded of duties to [notify the European Chemicals Agency \(ECHA\)](#) of their use and to apply strict risk management measures.

The above situation creates regulatory uncertainty which can affect continued supply of parts and repair/overhaul services resulting from use of Chromium Trioxide in the European Union, European Economic Area, Northern Ireland and GB i.e. Wales, Scotland, and England. Such uses may be in your facility or that of your sub-tier suppliers or processing facilities.



Please respond to these questions as soon as possible, preferably by 29 February 2024, via MS FORMS (<https://forms.office.com/e/tQG2sFgGs2>).

1. **Name**
2. **Position**
3. **Telephone number**
4. **Email address**
- 5. Do you or your sub-tier suppliers use Chromium Trioxide in parts or services relevant to Siemens-Energy, where the chemical use is in the EU, EEA or Northern Ireland? **[Yes/No, if No complete, if Yes, continue below]**.
6. Please confirm your understanding that use may continue under the CTAC authorization applications until a formal decision to reject. **[Yes/No]**.
7. Identify which Applications for authorization you or your sub-tier suppliers are currently operating under. **[Free Text Field, at least 256 characters]**
8. Which alternative Applications for authorization are you aware of that can cover you or your sub-tier supplier uses if you are currently covered by the "CTAC"? **[Free Text Field, at least 256 characters]**.
9. Please confirm you are aware of the relevant conditions of use applicable to continued use under relevant Authorizations. **[Yes/No]**.
10. If relevant, what other plans do you have to maintain supply. **[Free Text Field, at least 256 characters]**
11. Do you need support or clarification in relation to the above **[Yes/No]**.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please raise them when answering Question 11.

With kind regards,

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