NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

Subject : Chrome VI substances

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For the Attention of:

Suppliers of parts and services in the European Union, European Economic Area, and Northern Ireland, in particular those dependent upon corrosion protection coatings and hard chrome plating, and non-European suppliers with sub-tier supply chains in those regions.

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

Issue

In order to reduce workload and cost to authorities and industry associated with REACH Authorisation of the use of chromium VI substances, it has been proposed to replace the Authorisation Listing in REACH Annex XIV with a Restriction in REACH Annex XVII.

The proposed scope of the restriction would in principle allow all uses previously covered by valid REACH Authorisations, provided that site emission limits and worker exposure limits are met. There are two different levels proposed for these exposure limits.

Should this Restriction go ahead, it would remove the need for REACH Authorisation in the future (at least in the EU), provided that the chemical use is within scope and the exposure/emission limits are met. Siemens-Energy therefore welcome this development provided that any issues caused by it are known and resolved. We note that there is still an obligation to substitute where alternatives are available under the provisions of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive.

Request of Suppliers

The vast majority of uses of chromates in Siemens Energy products are in the external supply chain including maintenance, repair and overhaul companies. Siemens Energy cannot therefore respond to this Restriction proposal. **Suppliers are asked to respond to ECHA as necessary.** In addition, Siemens Energy will value understanding any concerns suppliers have.

The deadline for response is 18th December 2025, though comments received by 18th September will be considered early on and may have greater influence on this restriction proposal.

The link to the commenting facility is here:

https://comments.echa.europa.eu/comments_cms/AnnexXVRestrictionDossier.aspx?RObjectId=0b0236e18b3a9221

With kind regards,

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