

NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

Subject: Awareness Notification – Chromate REACH Authorisation and Use Conditions–APRIL 2025
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For the attention of the Managing Director

Dear Sir or Madam

This Notice to Suppliers (NTS) is issued to inform stakeholders of recent developments concerning the REACH Authorisation framework, particularly pertaining to the use of chromium compounds within the European Economic Area (EEA), which encompasses Northern Ireland, as well as Great Britain (GB). This communication serves as a proactive measure to assist you in your ongoing compliance efforts and to encourage consideration of the potential implications for supply continuity.

Scope/Applicability.

There has been considerable progress in the renewal and update of REACH Authorisations for water-soluble chromates. In some cases, the associated Authorisation Decisions include more stringent conditions of use, which apply either to direct users or to those operating under an upstream supplier's Authorisation.

Key Reminders:

- An Authorisation may be held either by the user of a chemical or an upstream supplier. It must apply to the specific use case and product sector.
- In accordance with Article 66 of REACH, downstream users operating under an upstream Authorisation must notify the relevant authority **ECHA** for the EU/EEA or **HSE** for GB and provide the correct Authorisation Number.
- Users must comply with all relevant conditions of use, including those outlined in the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** and the official **Authorisation Decision**.
- Some authorizations now include conditions based on Best Available Technology, such as the installation of Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) or other engineering controls, along with adjustments to reduce worker exposure and improve workplace separation from chromates.

Supplier Considerations.

We understand that meeting these requirements can be quite challenging, especially for smaller suppliers who may face significant technical and financial hurdles. This situation might lead some to reconsider their chromate-related operations, and we know that could threaten the consistency of supply.

While Siemens Energy may not have all the power to change the landscape, it's important for us to acknowledge these risks and maintain open lines of communication with our supply chain partners. Our aim is to foster awareness and support informed decision-making rather than just enforcing compliance. We want to work together to find the best path forward.

Supplier Action.

No formal response is required at this stage. However, if these conditions could affect your ability to continue supply, or if you would like additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your Siemens Energy representative.

Further Information:

The Aerospace and Defence Chromates Re-Authorisation (**ADCR**) consortium provides resources including webinars, guidance, and templates for downstream users. You can access these at: <https://www.adcr-consortium.eu>

With kind regards,

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