

## REACH; Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern

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The identification of a substance as a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) and its inclusion on the Candidate List is the first step of the Authorisation procedure of the REACH regulation.

Article 33 of the REACH regulation states that manufacturers of a preparation are required to notify their customers if any SVHC listed on the Candidate List is present in their products exceeding 0.1% by weight.

Since 28 October 2008, the ECHA has included 205 substances on the Candidate List. Rubber Resources has selected 19 of these substances with a potential use in the rubber industry. Three of these are pigments and are only used in coloured rubber compounds. Rubber Resources uses only black raw materials without any colouring pigments. For all recycled products of Rubber Resources, analyses of the remaining 16 substances has shown individual concentrations far below 0.1% (w/w).

Based on these test results and generic information and knowledge, Rubber Resources confirms that none of their recycled products contain a SVHC listed on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w). This statement includes all grades of butyl reclaim (RBR), natural rubber reclaim (RNR), truck tire reclaim (RTT) and curing bladder reclaim (RCR).

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