

## Customer-Information about REACH (The new chemical directive of the European Union)

As of June 2007 the new REACH-directive came into force. With this step, a time schedule has been launched at the end of which (presumably 2018) there will be implemented the registration of all substances manufactured in or imported to the EU. The word ‚substance‘ covers only chemical substances or a chemical preparation/mixture. Substances, which have not been registered and produced with a volume of more than 1 ton per year or have been imported to the EU, then may not be used any more. By then, according to the new directive, new substances must be tested and registered prior to their use or import.

From June 2008 onwards the so called ‘pre-registration’ will start for those chemicals and formulas already being on the market. The term for the pre-registration will end by November 2008 (actual situation: term will be extended!). Pre-registration means: The supplier has to declare all substances which he wishes to register at a later stage. The actual registration process will only begin at a later point of time.

The company **Rudolf PACK GmbH & Co. KG** is not obliged to register their products. The inhouse produced product ‘Magnet wire’ is no substance/material which falls under the EU REACH Directive.

However, PACK Feindrähte has to take care that all chemicals, which are used for the production of magnet wire, will be pre-registered and then registered by their suppliers or their sub-suppliers. In the case of PACK Feindrähte this regulation basically will be limited to the dissolvents of the processed wire enamel, as Polymer (varnishes fall into this category) are exempted from the duty of registration. As far as the dissolvents are concerned, they are treated as mass products which in any case have been registered by the chemical industry.

The necessary pre-arrangements have been agreed with our suppliers (mainly suppliers of enamel).

Please feel free to contact us for any questions you may have.

Best regards

**Rudolf PACK GmbH & Co. KG**  
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