

REACH

The new EU chemical regulation REACH - Registration – Evaluation – Authorisation – of Chemicals came into force June 2007 and the implementation of the legislation is an ongoing process. The purpose of the regulation is to ensure a high protection level for both the human health and for the environment.

Plum A/S does not produce chemicals and is therefore not responsible for the registration of chemicals under REACH. However, we use chemicals in the manufacturing of our products (preparations) and therefore we must ensure that the chemicals we use are registered. Plum A/S is in REACH terms a downstream User (DU) and complies with the obligations implied.

Plum A/S manufactures a broad range of products, which are placed differently under REACH.

Detergents:

Products intended for cleaning of equipment meet the regulation on detergents² and are classified and labelled according to the Dangerous Preparation Directive³. All chemicals used for the manufacturing of detergents must meet the REACH requirements.

Disinfectants:

Disinfectants meet the Biocide Directive⁴ and the Dangerous Preparation Directive³. Chemicals used for the manufacturing of disinfectants are only partly subject to REACH since the registration of active disinfecting substances must be registered according to the biocide legislation.

Medical devices:

Medical Devices are subject to the Medical Devices Directive⁵. Chemicals used for the manufacturing of medical devices are exempted from REACH.

Cosmetic products:

Cosmetic products are subject to the Cosmetics Regulation⁶ and safety evaluations for each product must be established and maintained. Chemicals for the manufacturing of cosmetic products are exempted from REACH on the health part since this is covered by the safety evaluation but not exempted on the environmental part.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

² Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents

³ Directive 1999/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 1999 concerning the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations

⁴ Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market

⁵ Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices

⁶ Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products