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## REACH Customer Response Letter Articles UK

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### EU Regulation No 1907/2006 on the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**

Date: September 2008

Corus has recognised the impact of REACH and has played an active role in establishing the steel industry response to the requirements of the new chemical substances regime through the European Federation of Iron and Steel Industries (Eurofer).

We have carefully and systematically identified our obligations under REACH and have established a dedicated team, led by a full-time senior REACH Manager, to ensure we fulfil our obligations in a timely and efficient manner.

As Corus is an international company with units operating from within and outside the EU member states, we will meet our responsibilities as a producer or importer of the substances, preparations and articles that we supply in Europe. However, if you are acting as an importer from our non-EU operations you will be responsible for your own obligations under REACH. Please contact your non-EU supplier for further information.

Under REACH, the steel products we supply to you are designated as articles. The following declaration applies to the articles that Corus from all its legal entities supplies:

1. We confirm that we understand our obligations under REACH.
2. Our intention is that all substances in the articles that we supply to you, which require registration, will be pre-registered by 30 November 2008, either by Corus or by an actor further up our supply chain.
3. During the registration period there is a possibility that REACH may result in some of our suppliers reformulating or withdrawing substances that are incorporated in the products we supply to you. If this does happen, it is our intention to provide information about significant changes in the properties or performance of our products at the earliest opportunity to help you to manage any effects that such changed properties might have on your own processes or requirements.
4. We are committed to ensuring that all reasonable uses of our steel products will be covered by the registration of the respective substances therein, but to help us to achieve this we may ask you to provide us with information about your uses and exposure scenarios. A failure to provide such information may result in your uses being inadequately considered.
5. We will comply with Article 33 of REACH regarding substances of very high concern. That is, we will provide you with sufficient information about any steel products we supply that contain >0.1% (weight / weight) of substances of very high concern (SVHC) to allow safe use of the product. This duty will only apply to substances identified in the Annex XIV list (as time to time amended and published by ECHA).
6. We will continue to provide safety data sheets (SDS's) although the format may change from that with which you have been familiar.



As REACH requires effective communication throughout the supply chain, we have identified the following points of contact for our customers:

- For general information and day-to-day contact, commercial and technical interfaces will be able to provide the relevant information.
- Within our business units, we have identified REACH coordinators, who will be able to deal with more specific questions.
- Our dedicated REACH team will be able to deal with the more difficult questions and ensure a uniform approach on matters with pertinence across more than one Corus business. To contact our REACH Team email [REACH@corusgroup.com](mailto:REACH@corusgroup.com)

In order that we can implement the requirements of REACH effectively, we rely upon the assistance of our downstream users. If you have assigned a REACH responsible person within your organisation, please inform us.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Corus REACH Team