



## SUPPLIER COMMITMENTS: GUIDANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

# Chemicals

**‘As a supplier, you commit to notify us immediately of any products you supply to us that contain any substances of very high concern (SVHCs), explosives precursors or poisons.’**

The Travis Perkins Group recognise the increasing concern around specific chemical content, labelling and the safe use of chemicals. The Travis Perkins Group actively abides by European legislation to reduce the impact of substances of concern and where possible use a suitable alternative.

## REACH

**REACH is the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals**, which is a European Union (EU) regulation. This regulation impacts manufacturers, formulators, producers and importers with varying requirements and obligations depending on the type of products.

Companies that produce or import products are most affected by the requirements associated with Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) past the allowable threshold (0.1% w/w) in any component within the product. We expect all our suppliers to be aware of their obligations under REACH and ensure that substances are registered or will be registered for use within their products.

We also expect all our suppliers to ensure that products supplied to The Travis Perkins Group are free of any banned substances and compliant with any restrictions detailed in REACH. The European Chemical Agency (ECHA) provides a list of substances that are considered to be of very high concern, known as the SVHC Candidate List. This is updated on average every six months (though it can be more frequently).

There should be a suitable system in place, to ensure that any product, that contains an SVHC, within any of its components above the 0.1% threshold, is appropriately registered for use in that product and communicated to The Travis Perkins Group immediately.

## Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP)

CLP is European regulation which ensures the hazards presented by chemicals are clearly communicated to workers and consumers in the European Union through classification and labelling of chemicals.

Suppliers must label a substance or mixture contained in packaging according to CLP before placing it on the market either when:

- A substance is classified as hazardous.
- A mixture contains one or more substances classified as hazardous above a certain threshold.

## Explosive Precursors and Poisons (EPP)

EPP is an EU Regulation which establishes rules concerning the making available for sale and possession of substances or mixtures that could be misused for the illicit manufacture of explosives. The regulation aims to limit their availability to the general public, and ensure that suspicious transactions, significant disappearances and thefts throughout the supply chain are appropriately reported. We expect all suppliers to notify The Travis Perkins Group immediately if any of their products contain an explosive precursor or poison.

## Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR)

BPR is an EU regulation that concerns the placing on the market and use of biocidal products. These are products which are designed to protect humans, animals or materials against harmful organisms, like pests or bacteria, by the action of the substances contained in the biocidal product.

## Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Travis Perkins require suppliers of applicable products to make SDS documents available. The document must contain information on the potential health effects of exposure to chemicals, or other potentially dangerous substances, and safe working procedures for handling chemical products.

### → Useful Links

- [ECHA](#)
- [SVHC Candidate List](#)
- [Guidance on substances in articles](#)
- [REACH Restrictions list](#)
- [REACH Authorisation list](#)
- [CLP Regulation](#)
- [Guidance for supplying EPPs](#)
- [Biocidal Product Regulation](#)