

Customer information concerning

REACH Regulations and Substances of Very High Concern in articles

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Steel products are considered 'articles' under The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as amended) and the European Regulation (EC) 1907/2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). British Steel is a downstream user of substances included in steel products and we require our suppliers to have the necessary registrations in place for the materials we purchase. As a precaution additional measures to register Downstream User Import Notifications (DUIN) for material we purchase have been taken; <https://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/duin.htm>

As steel products are articles no REACH registrations are required for the steel products we supply to the market.

Article 33 of the 'REACH Regulations' oblige suppliers of articles containing Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in a concentration greater than 0.1% by weight to communicate this information to its customers.

British Steel monitors the SVHC Candidate list to ensure compliance and updates customers and downstream users where relevant. It is the intention of REACH to stimulate communication on substances along the supply chain.

British Steel product complies with the Articles 57 and 59 and there are no substances in steel that would require authorisation or are subject to restriction.

British Steel manufactures freecutting leaded steel grades. These have enhanced machinability and increased efficiency and are supplied as articles. Freecutting leaded steels can contain lead up to 0.35%.

Lead, EC/List no. 231-100-4 and CAS no. 7439-92-1, was placed on the SVHC list on the 27th June 2018.

Further information on the classification of steel products as articles can be found here:

https://www.eurofer.eu/assets/publications/position-papers/reach-position-papers/EUROFER_position_paper_determining_the_borderline_between_mixtures_and_articlesApril2024.pdf

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