



REACH – Newtex Position on European Union Requirement

REACH is a new **European Union** regulation that addresses the production and use of chemicals and their potential impact on people and the environment.

Reach stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals. The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances.

Under the REACH regulation, **Newtex fabrics, tapes, tubing, ropes & braids**, both untreated and treated, as well as Newtex Extreme Protective (NXP) equipment and apparel are considered “**articles**”. Coatings found on the surface of these articles are substances which are not purposefully intended for release. The release of substances from articles is considered “intended” when it is essential for the end use function or “adds value” to the article. An example of an intended substance release from an article is ink from a ballpoint pen.

Based on the scope of the regulation, REACH registration is not required for any Newtex product.

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