

## REACH STATEMENT 01.07.2020

### 1 Background

This statement informs about the status and conformity of Finnish SpecialGlass Oy in relation to the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

REACH is a regulation of the European Union, adopted to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. More information on the REACH regulation by European Union can be found at <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/understanding-reach>. REACH also defines dangerous substances, i.e., substances of very high concern (SVHC) candidate list published in accordance with Article 59(10) of the REACH Regulation.

### 2 REACH

Under REACH legislation, all our finished glass products are defined as “articles”, because their function is mainly defined by size, shape or design and not by chemical composition.

Our suppliers have informed us that since their products consist mainly of glass and glass, as a “substance” is not included in the candidate list, currently their products are exempt from any information duties under REACH. However, to produce glass our suppliers may use “substances”, which are on the candidate list or could be included in the future. These substances are not present as such in the final glass; they are fully integrated into the glass matrix through the melting process. Thus, they lose their original characteristics. The information duties of Article 33 therefore do not apply as detailed in the following. The obligation to notify under Art. 7(2) of REACH and to communicate down the supply chain under Art. 33 of REACH only applies to articles which contain candidate list substances. Substances included in the candidate list are used to produce glass and involved in processes leading to the production of glass articles. In these processes, the substances are chemically transformed into the glass substance. The glass substance is subsequently processed into articles. In these cases, the substances are completely transformed and not present as such in the final glass article. Consequently, there is no obligation to notify under Art. 7(2) of REACH, nor to communicate information down the supply chain under Art. 33 of REACH. This was confirmed in ECHA Q&A – ID 1218 – 12/09/2016 relating to boron compounds.

Additionally, based on the information from our suppliers relating to REACH, we can assume that our glass products will continue to be unaffected by REACH. We will continue to work in close collaboration with our suppliers to ensure REACH compliance of all our products. In the specific case, in which the customer provides or specifies a certain non-standard material to be used in the production, the customer shall be responsible for the REACH conformity.

### **3 Information**

The information given in the present declaration is based upon the current level of our knowledge and is intended to provide information about our products. It should therefore not be construed as guaranteeing specific properties. Buyer or user are responsible for ensuring that the products they use, as supplied by us, comply with the specific requirements of their intended application.

### **4 Further information**

For further information, please contact [info@finnishspecialglass.fi](mailto:info@finnishspecialglass.fi).