

## Statement on Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals

As the downstream user and as a supplier of an article under REACH, we are forced to pass on information along the supply chain. Unfortunately, many companies do not know what this information requirement means. This often results in situations where companies along the supply chain urge each other to confirm REACH compliance with articles. Such statements are not intended by REACH. For companies, they only cause additional expenses but generate neither legal certainty nor other real benefits. Therefore, we would like to inform you what information you will receive from us as a supplier of an article in accordance with the requirements of REACH.

### Information requirements according to Article 33

According to Article 33(1) REACH, any supplier of an article containing a substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w) shall provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article including, as a minimum, the name of that substance.

If such cases occur, we will properly comply with the information requirements in order to ensure the safe handling of our high-quality articles. We are in close contact with our suppliers and have never received any information on SVHC in articles. Our risk assessment shows no indications that will lead to a specific sample analysis. According to the information available, we assume that our articles do not contain any SVHC in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w).

We can guarantee that hard metal products, such as inserts, round tools, rods, etc., manufactured by GWS Tool Group do not contain substances listed on the REACH candidate list, as updated on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Due to our broad range of articles and the fact that we depend on the information from our suppliers, who also have to fulfill the information requirements, you will certainly understand that we cannot give further legally binding statements.

### REACH implementation in our company

The expert group "Environment and occupational safety" of WSM Wirtschaftsverband Stahl- und Metallverarbeitung e.v. - we are involved in the expert group via our industry association, Powder Metallurgy – which regularly informs us about proposed substances for the Candidate List, public consultations, and new SVHC on the Candidate List<sup>1</sup> with currently 223 substances (last updated on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022) and about the relevance of SVHC. The published information on the uses of SVHC shows that the products supplied do not contain any of these substances

By sending you this information letter to fulfill our information requirements as a "Supplier of an article" according to Article 33(1) REACH, we are following the legal provisions and recommendations of our parent companies, Walter Tool, and Sandvik Corporation.

This statement applies only to the article/articles supplied by us. Modifications of the article/ articles within the processing are thereby not covered.

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