

Lead declaration for the purpose of REACH

The use of PVC recyclate from external sources benefits the sustainable development of our society. PVC piping systems containing recyclate are of the highest quality, have a better carbon footprint, limit the use of new raw materials and have a lifetime of over 100 years.

Technical research has shown that PVC pipe systems can be reused (recycled) at least seven times. In addition, the members of Bureauleiding, information office for plastic pipe systems, have stopped using lead (stabilisers) in PVC pipe systems.

However, pipes with PVC recyclate from used PVC pipes may contain traces of lead. Any lead traces from the recycled material are trapped in the polymer matrix and will not be released during the lifespan of the product under normal conditions. The use of recyclate from used PVC-U products is monitored on the basis of the relevant product standards for non-pressurised applications.

Since the inclusion of lead in the REACH Candidate List in December 2012, manufacturers of PVC products that may contain lead (stabiliser) are obliged to inform their customers about this (REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Article 33).

As the legislation on substances is continuously evolving, this declaration will be updated as appropriate.

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