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5TH WORKSHOP ON REACH REGULATION ESTEC NOORDWIJK – 19TH JUNE 2024

KEY FACTS MT AEROSPACE AG



We are a leading international group in the fields of space transportation, defense and components for satellites and aircrafts. With our unique engineering and production capabilities we are pioneers for lightweight constructions in metals and composites as well as for hydrogen technology.

Established 1969

Revenue 200 Mio.€

Employees 500

Headquarter: Subsidiaries:

MT Aerospace AG Bremen, Germany

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Certifications: EASA Part 21G / EASA Part 145 / QSF B/C / EN 9100 & EN ISO 9001



From European ARIANE 5 supplier to a global hightech-company **Space & Exploration** Aviation & Defence Ariane 5 Composites Additive M. Hydrogen

2005-2014

2021-2025

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY - MARKETS & PORTFOLIO





SPACE

Launcher, Spacecrafts, Satellites, Comprehensive Ground Services for integration & launch facilities, Observatories



AVIATION



DEFENSE

Structures, tanks, booster, satellite panels & central tubes, pressure vessels, bulkheads European Space Center launch facilities

Watertanks, structures, shafts & struts

Missile components, fuel tank systems, structures, shafts & struts



HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGY

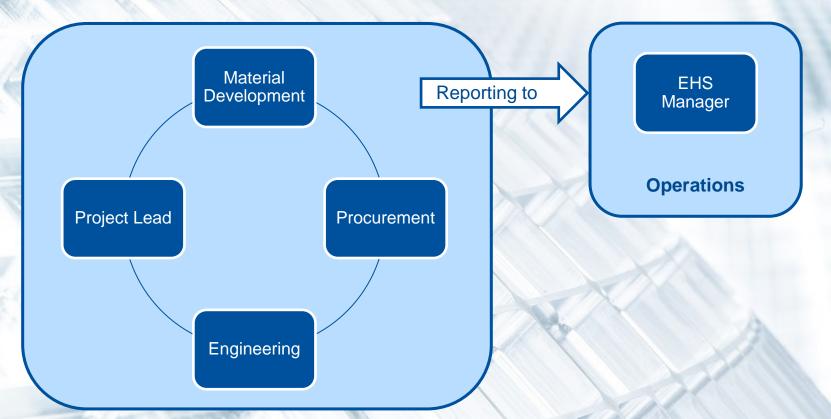
Storage & supply systems







Reach Team





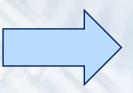
Tasks of the REACH Team

Processes

- Definition of internal processes affected by Reach
- Maintenance of the SAP EHS System (Substance Register)
- Respond to customer inquiries

Survey activities

- Monitoring of legislative changes
- Review of Annex XIV, XVII, SVHC lists
- Activities with external committees (MPTB)



Advisory role for all departments of the company





REACH ORGANISATION WITHIN MT AEROSPACE AG



Methods & Tools

Organisational instruction

- Define internal processes affected by Reach
- Clarify the responsabilitites within the company

Obsolescence List

- Collect alerts from the supply chain
- Identify which projects are affected

SAP EHS System

- Substance Register
- Based on CAS Number



CHALLENGES RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS



Common restricted uses in our sector

- Chrome VI for surface treatment (Chemical Conversion Coating, Anodizing, Primers)
- Cadmium for surface treatment

Further topics of concern

- Diisocyanates (exposure measurements)
- D4-6 cyclic siloxanes
- Bisphenol A (prepregs, resins)
- PFAS







Supply Chain

- Small order quantities → difficulty to get reliable information from the suppliers
- Specific processes which lead to Single Source Suppliers
- Dependency on Supplier Strategy

Substitution activities

High requirements of the aerospace sector

- Each product has its own specifics requirements
- Difficulty to find equivalent substitutes

Long qualification timelines due to complex processes





Our message today:

- Space sector is well aware of the importance of REACH regulation to ensure the safe use of chemicals both for the human health and the environment
- MT-A has defined processes & tools to ensure compliance

What do we need?

Get a full recognition of the specifities of our sector:

- Strategic sector with critical and high requirements
- Exemptions for space & defense sector
- Simplified derogation processes

Ease the monitoring activities with transparent SVHC substances definition





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