

Hazardous substances policy

Resolutely oriented towards the development of innovating solutions respectful of human health and the environment, in January 2012 the Socomec Group launched a substance management programme intended to:

- limit the use of hazardous substances in the design of new products,
- monitor the possible presence of substances in the process of being regulated in its supplies in order to anticipate future restrictions on use and thereby guarantee the durability of the Socomec product offer.

Our substance policy targets 5 objectives :

Actively respect and anticipate the ROHS and REACH regulations:

- design most of our new products in compliance with the European and international regulations on the limitation of hazardous substances, especially hexavalent chromium, mercury, cadmium, lead, PBB and PBDE even if these regulations do not yet concern our products directly,
- prefer materials and components which do not contain substances of very high concern under the REACH regulation,
- prepare for progressive integration of regulatory requirements concerning hazardous substances, under CE marking.

Conduct a permanent watch to:

- identify as early as possible the regulatory or normative changes and their impacts on our products,
- guarantee the durability of the Socomec offer,
- stimulate technological innovation by integrating our substance policy in the Socomec group's more global eco-design programme.

Accompany our suppliers and partners in the application of our substance policy:

- inform them about the increasing number of complex and restricting substance regulations,
- give them the support they need to identify their new obligations.



Provide our customers with:

- the best and most relevant information available regarding the possible presence of substances in our solutions,
- solutions that can be integrated in installations which are themselves subject to substance regulations.

Include this substance policy in the environmental management systems of our sites to:

- reach a high level of environmental performance for the products and the processes,
- help achieve progressive ISO 14001 certification of all our manufacturing sites.

We, together with our teams, make a commitment to promote and constantly improve the environmental performance of our products, to measure the results to satisfy and retain the loyalty of our customers, and to conduct Management reviews.

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Chairman & CEO

