

VAUDE Restriction Guideline

(RSL/MRSL)

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Without the use of chemicals in textile manufacturing, the performances requested by the consumer can't be attained. However, chemicals can be harmful to the workers, consumers or even the environment and the correct use of chemicals requires certain know-how to prevent any risks to workers, consumers or the environment.

The management of chemicals is very important to protect the consumer and all involved people as well as the environment during the production phase. To help suppliers, VAUDE has developed a minimum standard for suppliers regarding primarily consumer safety of chemicals on finished products. Other aspects like environmental performance in the production process are not implemented in this Restricted Substance List.

The Manufacturing Restricted Substance List (MRSL) and Restricted Substance List (RSL) are a minimum requirement for suppliers to guarantee compliance with the VAUDE standards. It is recommended to adopt additional policies, particularly regarding water emission, air emission, occupational health and resource productivity in order to provide risk free products.

VAUDE announced its Greenpeace Detox Commitment in which the company voluntarily agrees to eliminate all hazardous chemicals in its supply chain by 2020. "Zero Discharge" is the joint goal of VAUDE and Greenpeace. With this commitment, VAUDE is taking clear responsibility for the entire lifecycle of its products, which also includes clean and safe production throughout the supply chain.

As first step VAUDE recommends being bluesign® system partner and align with ZDHC requirements. In particular the bluesign® bluefinder™, an online chemical component selection tool, allows to quickly find "bluesign® approved components that will lead to productions and end-products that comply with the MRSL/RSL.

Producing according to the MRSL is a mandatory requirement for doing business with VAUDE.

VAUDE Manufacturing Restricted Substance List (MRSL)

VAUDE MRSL aligns with ZDHC MRSL. The MRSL applies to chemicals used in facilities that process materials and trims for the use in VAUDE products.

VAUDE MRSL applies to textiles and leather with separate sections for each material.

NOTE: VAUDE MRSL does not replace applicable national environmental or workplace safety restrictions.

VAUDE Restricted Substance List (RSL)

VAUDE RSL aligns with bluesign® RSL based on bluesign® BSSL. The RSL applies to consumer safety limits in finished articles.

VAUDE RSL applies to textiles and trims with different sections for each material.

In addition to the VAUDE MRSL the supplier has to be aware of Regulation EC No 1907/2006 "REACH". The supplier shall inform VAUDE if supplied articles contain SVHCs listed in the ECHA candidate list with a concentration above 0.1%.

Suppliers should take care that they are aware of the latest ECHA candidate list see <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table>

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Supplier Compliance Certificate

Company Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Contact Person:

MRSL/RSL Compliance

We certify that all materials supplied to VAUDE will meet the requirements as outlined in the attached Restricted Substance List (the "M/RSL") including all appendices. Our signature guarantees compliance of all current and future materials supplied to VAUDE.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

SVHC Compliance

We certify that concentration of SVHCs listed in the latest ECHA candidate list is below 0.1% in all articles supplied to VAUDE.

Note: If noticeable SVHC concentration is known (esp. above a level of 0.1 %) it must be informed automatically by the supplier.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title