

Chromium Trioxide Authorisation Permit for ColourTex® Production



The European Commission and the European Chemicals Agency has granted an authorisation permit to Rimex Metals (UK) Ltd ('Rimex') to continue its use of Chromium Trioxide which is necessary for the manufacture of its Colourtex® (or Inco) coloured stainless steel products after the sunset date of 21st September 2017.

Chromium Trioxide is listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 and its use by all EU manufacturers is therefore subject to authorisation requirement after the sunset date of 21st September 2017.

Rimex uses limited quantities of Chromium Trioxide in the manufacture of its ColourTex® coloured stainless steel products. Without Chromium Trioxide the manufacture of the ColourTex® coloured stainless steel is not viable.

On 10th December 2015 Rimex submitted its application for an authorisation permit to use Chromium trioxide after the sunset date in accordance with Article 62 of Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006.

The European Commission and the European Chemical Agency has concluded that the risk management measures and operational conditions described in Rimex's application, and in particular in the chemical safety report, are appropriate and effective, and consequently have authorised the use of Chromium Trioxide by Rimex for the period of 10 years from 21st September 2017.

The use permit has been approved by the European Chemical Agency and confirmed by the European Commission on 24th May 2017 by reference C(2017) 3439 - a copy can be provided upon request.

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