

Rimex's use of chemicals under REACH and IPPC

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) is a European Union regulation dated 18th December 2006. It addresses the production and use of chemical substances and their potential impact on human health and the environment.

It is a strict and stringent block of EU law regulating chemical substances and affects industries throughout the European Union.

REACH entered into force on 1st June 2007.

The regulation also established the **European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)** which manages the technical, scientific and administrative aspects of **REACH**.

Directive 2008/1/EC concerns **Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC)**.

Rimex's plant and equipment that manufactures the range of **ColourTex® (or Inco) coloured stainless steel finishes** are governed by the **REACH** and **IPPC Directives**. Rimex's site is managed to **REACH** and **IPPC standards** which are reported to the **UK's Environment Agency** and **Health & Safety Executive**.

Rimex's **ColourTex® range of coloured stainless steel finishes** are manufactured using **chromium trioxide** which is a chemical listed as requiring an authorisation permit issued by **ECHA** to allow its continued use after **21st September 2017**.

Rimex has been issued by **ECHA** with a **Continued Use Permit** until **21st September 2027** and confirmed by the **European Commission** on **24th May 2017** - document reference **C(2017) 3439** - a copy of which can be provided upon request.

Importantly, **Rimex is in compliance with REACH, IPPC** and regulations controlling the continued use of **chromium trioxide** from **21st September 2017**.

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