

## REACH Statement

The new European "REACH" (Registration Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) Directive on chemicals came into force on June 1, 2007 in the form of EC Regulation (No. 1907/ 2006).

The aim of REACH is to achieve a high degree of certainty in the protection of human health and the environment by introducing a uniform European regulation of chemicals.

### How does REACH affect PI:

PI unreservedly support the aims of REACH. PI has been actively supporting a responsible approach to human health and the environment for many years. Management systems for occupational health and safety and environmental protection in accordance with OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 were introduced as early as 2006 to ensure such an approach was adopted right down to each individual company process.

Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG accord high priority to all the obligations resulting from REACH and to all the associated implications.

### 1. PI products

REACH regulates the handling of chemicals themselves and also the handling of chemicals in preparations and articles. The resulting obligations relate to individual substances, not to finished or semi-finished products.

As a manufacturer of finished products (micro- and nanopositioning systems) PI is a "Downstream User" in terms of REACH.

It can therefore be stated categorically **that our range of products is not subject to any registration requirement under the REACH Directive**, nor are any other marketing limitations discernible.

### 2. Substances/ materials/ components for the production of PI products

The substances/ preparations used to the manufacture of PI products are mainly adhesives, lubricants, coatings, oils, in each case micro-quantity. They are affected by REACH because they are chemical substances or preparations. The suppliers of the substances or preparations are responsible for the registration and the information of their customer in regard of the REACH-compliance. According to our information and knowledge the used substances and preparation do not contain any of the substance listed in the SVHC-candidate list respectively the maximum acceptable limit value is adhered to.

Some of the components/ materials are affected by REACH. According to our information the related components are registered. For further information see: [www.pi.de](http://www.pi.de); service, downloads, REACH Statement PIC.

PI are in close contact with their suppliers regarding the information concerning availability, registration and intended use.

PI will employ suitable measures to continue supplying all products of the agreed quality and functionality.

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