

## **Implementation of the EU Regulation for Chemicals 1907/2006 (REACH) within the Schunk-Group**

Within the Schunk-Group we have started at an early stage to implement REACH in order to ensure that all its requirements are met in a timely manner.

In addition to our obligation to meet the formal requirements of the REACH-regulation, our activities focus in particular on securing a reliable supply of all the necessary raw material and manufacturing supplies for our company so that we can ensure dependable deliveries of products to our customers in the quality they have come to know and expect.

Our REACH-team conducts regular analysis on the effects of REACH and all necessary measures are undertaken and coordinated.

In our REACH-team, environmental experts work together with the departments of purchasing, research and basic development, quality management as well as sales. Consequently we have a strong team which efficiently ensures the internal business process and all external communication within the REACH program.

The Schunk-Group is aware of its role as manufacturer, importer and downstream user within the framework of REACH regulations. We have tailored our business processes to them. And because pre-registration is essential for the continuity of the delivery of all products, the European Schunk-Group companies have pre-registered their substances produced or imported into the EU. Currently we presume that all other substances used in our production have been pre-registered and will therefore still be available in the future.

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