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# REACH Statement

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The new European "REACH" (**R**egistration **E**valuation and **A**uthorization of **C**hemicals) 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 common European regulation of chemicals.

## How does REACH affect PI/ PIC:

PI/ PIC 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 and PI Ceramic GmbH (PIC) accord high priority to all the obligations resulting from REACH and to all the associated implications.

### 1. PI/ PIC 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.

The PI/ PIC products/ systems for micro- and nanopositioning are finished products and 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 for the production of PI/ PIC products

Some of the substances relevant to the manufacture of PI/ PIC products are affected by REACH because they are chemical substances or preparations.

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

PI/ PIC will employ suitable measures to ensure they can continue to supply all products of the best quality and functionality in any case.

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