

Concerning: REACH regulation and B&C products Chemical Safety

REACH is a regulation of the European Union, adopted to improve the protection of human health first and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.

The main reason behind the REACH Regulation was that a large number of products have been manufactured and placed on the market in Europe for many years, sometimes in very high amounts, and yet there was insufficient information on the potential hazardous substances they contained and their consequences on human health and on the environment.

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals. It entered into force on 1 June 2007.

<https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/understanding-reach>

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach_en.htm

REACH applies to all chemical substances used to produce all kind of product categories: not only textile, but also those used in our day-to-day lives (for example in cleaning products, in clothes, furniture etc...).

As an importer and distributor of products in the EU, The Cotton Group SA (owner of B&C brand name) is responsible to comply with the REACH European regulation to identify and manage the risks linked to our products (chemical substances).

Therefore, The Cotton Group SA exclusively sources its products from suppliers that have proven records to be working with REACH-compliant chemicals. This means that none of the materials used in our products violates the EU legislation or contains residues of substances that might be harmful to human health and the environment.

Besides this, The Cotton Group SA ensures chemical safety of its products by:

- RSL (Restricted Substances List): it is mandatory for each supplier to sign the "The Cotton Group RSL", indicating the chemicals of concerns and their maximum limit. This list is updated twice per year following the REACH regulation updates,
- STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® class II - certification for all our natural fibres-products.

Both the "The Cotton Group RSL" and the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® requirements are more stringent than the requirements stipulated by the REACH regulation.