



Environmental and quality management

As a global company focused on the production and sale of special lubricant and grease additives, Metall-Chemie GmbH & Co. KG firmly believes that the only way to ensure their successful future is by being ecologically conscious. Here at Metall-Chemie we embrace our responsibility to society and strive to support and improve protection of the environment by continuously optimizing our guidelines and procedures.

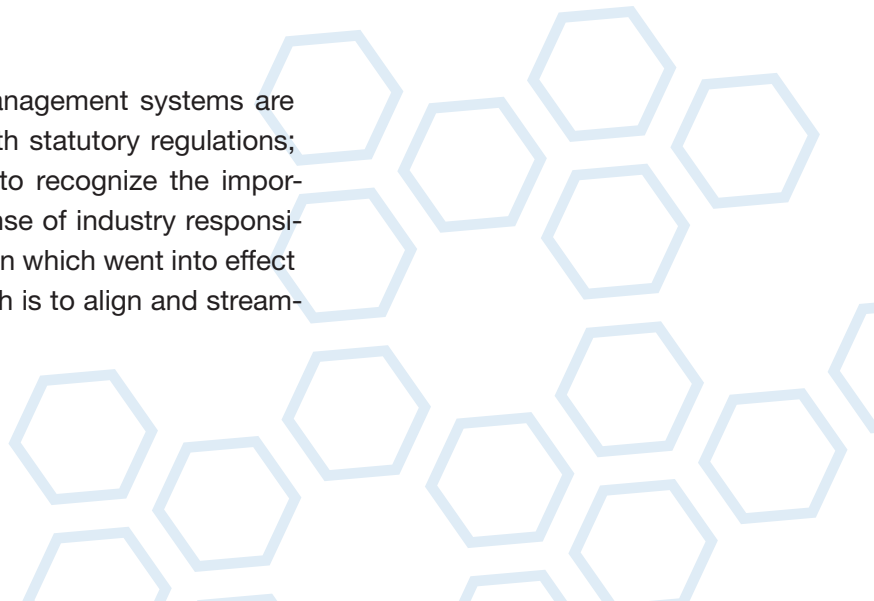


ISO 9001 quality management / ISO 14001 environmental management

By acting responsibly and striving to continuously improve our processes as a service-oriented company we ensure a consistently high quality of our products and services for our customers as stipulated in our agreements. Metall-Chemie complies with the requirements defined by the international standards for quality management (ISO 9001) and environmental management (ISO 14001). We first introduced quality management as early as 1997 and instituted our own corporate environmental management system in 2004.

REACH

Successful environmental and quality management systems are not based solely on strict compliance with statutory regulations; these systems also require the industry to recognize the importance of assuming responsibility. This sense of industry responsibility took the form of the REACH regulation which went into effect on June 1, 2007. The stated aim of REACH is to align and streamline chemicals legislation across Europe.



REACH requires chemical substances manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities exceeding one metric ton per year to be registered with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Registration will become mandatory for all products beginning in 2018.

Metall-Chemie has been taking our responsibility towards people and the environment seriously well before REACH was introduced. In 2013 we registered several of our core products with ECHA. As an importer and distributor of chemicals we continue to remain in constant dialog with industry and trade associations in order to stay informed of, and comply with, the most up to date version of the REACH regulation.

Responsible Care

Another measure that traces back to the responsibility shown by the chemical industry is the voluntary global initiative Responsible Care established independently of statutory regulations. Metall-Chemie has been operating in conformity with the principles of Responsible Care since 2007. We have committed ourselves to continuously improving performance in terms of environmental protection, occupational and transport safety, and health and product responsibility.

Other certifications

Metall-Chemie also carries out additional registrations according to specific customer needs. Several additives to be used in lubricants for food processing have been registered with NSF-NH1 (www.nsf.org). Additional registrations include the EU Ecolabel (EEL) (www.eu-ecolabel.de) and OSPAR certification (www.ospar.org).



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