



On July, 1st 2007 is a new regulation from the European Commission, named REACH (**R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals) came into effect. This regulation reforms the previous chemicals regulation in the EU.

Within the remarks of the REACH regulation, fabricated products, like thermal transfer ribbons are defined as "manufactured items": *"An object, which during fabrication obtains a specific form, surface and shape, which as the chemical consistency determines its function in the main extent."*

Therefore thermal transfer ribbons are considered as outside the area of application of the REACH regulation and are not subject to registration at the REACH-Agency.

Nevertheless makes ITW Thermal Films its suppliers aware about the responsibility of the compatibility of their products with the REACH regulation and the responsibility to ensure the compliance with the necessary regulations and to obtain an appropriate entry, if necessary.