

First Aid PVC Disposable Gloves

German Federal Association for Medical Technology - Bundesverband Medizintechnologie (BVMed) – represents over 200 industry and commercial enterprises of the medical technology branch as a trade association. Well-known producers of first aid kits for cars and first aid materials in BVMed-special field belong to this group of enterprises.

The members of BVMed are informed about the new requirements of the Regulation issued by European Chemicals Agency REACH, especially about the specific requirements applying to the substances contained in products.

The following duties are to be considered:

- registering of the substances, which should be released
- informing the buyer about the substances from the “candidate list”

Attention!

There is no prohibition for application of the substances on the “candidate list”.

The manufacturers are not obliged to submit safety data sheets of their products.

One substance from the “candidate list” is used in numerous medical products: it is PVC softening agent DEHP, which is also a component of the PVC disposable gloves, used as a first aid material. PVC-softening agent has been a particularly valuable plastic material in the medical technology for more than 40 years. The European Guidelines on medical products specify the rules for bringing safe medical products into circulation. The Guidelines have been revised in 2007 and have integrated the elements of REACH Regulation. No limitations and no proscriptions are stipulated for PVC disposable gloves. Furthermore DEHP is the only PVC softening agent described in the European dispensatory for medical applications.

In Germany the application of PVC gloves with DEHP softening agent is an integral part of various DIN-norms. This is owed to the very good characteristics of the material, in this case it is especially its essential temperature stability.

By waiving of these gloves, the manufacturers would not be allowed to describe their products, like first aid kits for cars and for offices, as DIN-compliant.

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