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## **STATEMENT ON REGULATION (EU) 2023/2055 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) regarding *synthetic polymer microparticles*.**

On 25 September 2023 the European Commission adopted Regulation (EU) 2023/2055 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and introducing **restriction number 78** regarding *synthetic polymer microparticles*.

Of course all Sirmax products – supplied as *plastic pellets* - fulfil the definition of *synthetic polymer microparticles* according to the condition (b)(i).

According to this restriction, it is not possible to place on the market synthetic polymer microparticles, except **those for use at industrial sites** (i.e. plastic pellets, in our case). So, this exception applies exactly to our supplied material.

Before the deadline of October 2025: Sirmax will provide Safety Data Sheets with updated information about instructions for use and prevention of releases of synthetic polymer microparticles to the environment, and information on the identity of the polymers. (Paragraphs 7 and 10 of the Regulation);

Starting from 2026 Sirmax will submit each year to the Agency a description of the uses of synthetic polymer microparticles in the previous year, information on the identity of the polymers used, an estimation of the quantity of synthetic polymer microparticles released to the environment, including releases during transport (Paragraph 11). This obligation is extended also to industrial downstream users of synthetic polymer microparticles.

This statement applies to all Sirmax Group Factories.

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