

SIKA IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW REACH LEGISLATION



As a valued customer, we would like to inform you about a new regulation that will have an impact on your usage of polyurethane windshield adhesives, sealants, pre-treatments, and possibly other products. The regulation is irrespective of the brand you are using, and also applies to some Sika products.

In August 2020, the European Union put in force a new REACH restriction on the use of products containing more than 0.1% of monomeric diisocyanates. These new rules will also apply to products such as polyurethane adhesives, sealants, coatings, or injections used by auto glass replacement technicians and in the aftermarket collision repair market. The goal of this restriction is to reduce the health risks associated with diisocyanates by ensuring that the workers handling these substances are adequately informed and trained.

Many users of polyurethanes in Europe will have to take part in specific worker health and safety trainings to continue using these materials. The trainings are created with the aim to enhance occupational health and safety of workers.

Employers are responsible for ensuring employees are trained when using diisocyanates by August 24, 2023.

What is REACH?

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation) is a European regulation that aims at protecting people and the environment from potential risks from chemical substances, whilst ensuring that the global competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry is maintained.

How does this regulation impact you?

All professionals and industrial users must complete a training before using such products, by **August 24, 2023**. It is your responsibility as an employer, to ensure that your employees and staff are sufficiently trained.

Why should you use polyurethanes?

Polyurethane adhesives are the indisputable standard for vehicle glass bonding. There are good reasons why car producers rely on the unique performance of Sikaflex® and SikaTack® polyurethane adhesives. Since the windshield fulfills more functions than just keeping the rain out, specifications from car producers are best met by polyurethanes. Find out more [here](#).

How can Sika help you comply with the new regulations?

We have prepared a REACH Readiness Checklist for your convenience. Auto glass specialists upgrading to our latest SikaTack® Purform® solutions can skip the training completely.

You can decide to choose from two options:

OPTION 1: SWITCH TO ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

Auto Glass Adhesives: Sika has upgraded its best-in-class auto glass adhesives and primers to the new the Purform® technology. The Purform® versions are safe to use without the technicians doing the REACH diisocyanate health and safety training. They deliver the same applicator experience and OEM-approved mechanical and safety performance while reducing the chemical exposure of the installer to a minimum. Head [here](#) to know more.

Plastic Repair & Bracket Bonding: The plastic repair and rear mirror bracket bonding adhesive SikaPower®-2955 will be replaced by an ultra-low monomeric Purform® version in the first half of 2023. Together with the Purform® auto glass adhesives, it will cover all needs for polyurethane adhesives in the auto glass and collision repair workshop, avoiding the REACH worker safety training.

Car body sealing and bonding applications: A full range of solutions for vehicle body sealing and accessory bonding based on isocyanate-free STP Technology is available: Sikaflex®-527AT for sealing, Sikaflex®-529 Evolution as a multi-purpose spray sealer and Sikaflex®-554 and Sikaflex®-552AT as structural assembly adhesives cover all other adhesive and sealing applications in the collision repair workshop. Head [here](#) to find out more.

OPTION 2: MANDATORY TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES HANDLING DIISOCYANATES

By August 24th 2023, all workers handling diisocyanates and mixtures thereof, and their managers need to be trained in their safe handling.

FEICA, together with ISOPA and ALIPA, the diisocyanate manufacturers' industry associations, have prepared training material in line with the legal requirements. The training is available in both online and classroom formats, in all the European Union languages and includes an interface for company-wide certificate management. For adhesives and sealants users, the training is sponsored by FEICA.

Note that the training should be integrated into new hire policy and may become applicable if the employee changes roles within a company. The training certificate expires after 5 years and will need to be renewed.

How can you access these trainings?

The PU training platform can be accessed via this [link](#) or by scanning the below QR code. The platform is accessible across the EU. Here, you can receive training and certification for the safe handling of diisocyanates according to the legal training requirements of the REACH regulation.

The web-based training platform contains various sections. The training selector can be used for guidance to the correct training according to products and applications.

Access the training platform:



www.safeusediisocyanates.eu

To participate in the free training program, go to the training platform and use the Sika code:

FEICA_21_C20

More information can be found here:



Diisocyanates restriction compliance for end users of adhesives and sealants



A safe future for polyurethane products

Note that the Sika FEICA code is valid only for the trainings available in the sealants and adhesives section of the training platform.

What type of training applies to different employees?

Please ensure that your employees and staff are trained according to their risk of exposure to the products used.

Tasks involved	Associated Sika Products	Type of Training
You only work with cold applied products from small containers (Cartridge/Unipack/Primer)	Sikaflex®/SikaTack®/SikaForce® from Cartridge/Unipack/Primer	T051

For more information and other use cases, please check:



We look forward to supporting you in your REACH compliance journey. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further queries.

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