

## **I sometimes get the question: How do you manage Go handmade's trading and manufacture in a responsible way?**

The answer is basically: Insight and experience.

For more than 30 years I have worked with production sites in Asia. Therefore, I have a deep knowledge, insight and experience in ensuring that my partners and suppliers are making good and safe products, as well as running a factory where employees are treated well and have good working conditions.

I have always set strict requirements for my suppliers, and at the same time I focus on long-term relations where the suppliers are an integrated part of the supply-chain where they see themselves as a part of the Go handmade brand.

Let me give an example: For chemical requirements, this means that we ensure that suppliers know about the European chemical regulations as e.g. REACH and POP and make specific agreements, which both guide and oblige them to manufacture products in compliance with the European legislation.

Actually, we go even further by requiring that a lot of chemicals must not be used in Go handmade's DIY parts for babies' articles and for toys. This goes for example for Substances of Very High Concern, which are in many cases not legally forbidden in the products, but we do not accept those chemicals at all.

Further we carry out sample testing at well-known and accredited test laboratories. In a lot of cases these tests are not directly required by legislation, but we often do it anyway to double-check the properties of the parts and products .... better safe than sorry!

Since we manufacture and sell parts and yarn for knitting and crocheting DIY products, which are often for babies and children, it is important that the final product will be safe. We add to this by taking great responsibility in ensuring both good parts and good guidance, which include safety information. To ensure this, we also work with the best advisors within the field of product safety for children's products.

### **You have to do a good job as well, when you do-it-yourself.**

Therefore, please read our safety guidance for various products in our catalogue. This will help you to make products that can be just as safe as ready-for-use products.

For example, it is important to crochet a body for a soft-filled toy in a way that it does not have holes or openings where the child can pull out the filling, or when you affix the safety-eyes on a knitted bear, you double check that the safety lock has engaged properly. This way we can together ensure safe products and as also good products' wear over time ... pay attention and check that they are still intact as time goes by.

For cords strung across a pram or cot, please remember: When the baby/child starts trying to get up on its hands and knees into a crawling position, the toy needs to be removed. This is to prevent that the child – which is also beginning to hold the head up on its own – may tip in over the cord risking serious injury.

We wish everybody a lot of happy and safe moments with our products and your creativity.

Kind regards,

Hanne Tolberg.

## Chemical substances in products supplied to Go handmade/Dsign International A/S.

The REACH regulation (1907/2006) regulates chemical substances in Europe.

We need assurance from you as our supplier that in the products supplied to **Dsign International A/S**, no substances pointed out in REACH occur in amounts or emission above limit values. REACH addresses amongst other substances in:

- Annex XVII, the **Restriction List**.
- Annex XIV, the **Authorisation List**.
- The **Candidate List** with Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorization.

It is a general requirement of Dsign International A/S that all products and packaging you deliver to us, meet the following – no matter which market the product is intended for both EU or non-EU.

- No product or packaging shall contain regulated substances from REACH annex XVII (**Restriction List**) in concentrations above limit values in the relevant entries of the list.
  - Examples of entries on the restriction list are:
    - #18: Mercury content in wood
    - #23: Cadmium content.
    - #27: Nickle release.
    - #50: PAH in rubber and plastic.
    - #51 and #52: Phthalates.
- No product or packaging shall contain substances included on the most updated version of the **Candidate List** in concentrations  $\geq 0,1$  % w/w.
  - If substances included on the Candidate List are present in concentrations  $< 0,1$  % w/w you must inform Dsign International A/S specifically.
- When new substances are added to the Candidate List or Annex XIV or Annex XVII, or if the concentration limit is changed, all products and packaging you deliver to us, adopt the change from the day the new limit values enter into force.
  - Further you must inform Dsign International A/S of implications of such changes in due time.
  - Note that the twice-a-year update of the Candidate List enters into force of the day of publication.

The POPs Regulation (2019/1021) regulates Persistent Organic Pollutants world-wide, and the **Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC)** restricts amongst others the presence of certain heavy metals in packaging materials in Europe; hence we need assurance from you that these requirements are met, whenever relevant.

Links to parts of the legislation/lists:

- Candidate List: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>
- Restriction List: <https://echa.europa.eu/en/substances-restricted-under-reach>
- Authorization List: <https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>
- POPs Regulation: <https://echa.europa.eu/pops-legislation>
- Packaging waste: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/topics/waste-and-recycling/packaging-waste\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/topics/waste-and-recycling/packaging-waste_en)

*The list of requirements is not exhaustive.*

### **Materials and chemicals used (BOM/BOS)**

*As Dsign International A/S typically will be liable as manufacturer in the market, we have a legal obligation to have insight and data related to the manufacture of our products in order to meet such legal requirements.*

*This means that we request to be supplied with an updated Bill of Materials (BOM) and Bill of Substances (BOS) for each product supplied to us. The BOS must include chemical names and CAS numbers as well as percentage distribution of the chemicals/ingredients.*

*If changes are planned/made to a BOM/BOS for a product, Dsign International A/S must receive the update and information of its implications in due time for approval.*