REACH policy statement FERROXCUBE

On June 1, 2007 the European "**REACH**" Regulation 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals (REACH) entered into force.

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment, including the promotion of alternative methods for assessment of hazards of substances, as well as the free circulation of substances on the internal market while enhancing competitiveness and innovation.

The regulation has important impact on the availability of substances and preparations (chemicals) on the market. Substances in volumes of one tonne and more per year must be neither manufactured in nor imported into the EU, nor put on the market after 1 June 2008 unless they are registered following the principle "no data, no market". Registration concerns substances on their own, in preparations and in articles, if they are intended to be released from the article.

FERROXCUBE, one of the worldwide leading producers of ferrites, fully complies with the aim and spirit of the REACH regulation. It is FERROXCUBE's intention to follow the guidelines provided by the Federation of Electronic Components and Systems of ZVEI for producers of passive components for evaluating ceramic substances and articles under REACH¹.

In conformance with the definition given in REACH Article 3 (3), shaped ferrite products have to be classified as articles, and therefore are not subject to registration. All chemical substances necessary for the fabrication of ferrites will be registered according to the REACH regulation.

FERROXCUBE will comply with all REACH obligations concerning the transfer of information along the supply chain. For that purpose, a designated contact is provided. Please feel free to address your questions related to the impact of REACH on FERROXCUBE's products to your local sales contact or contact us at:

REACH@ferroxcube.com

FERROXCUBE warrants that all products made from ferrites as supplied by FERROXCUBE do not contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) as stated in Annex XIV (Candidate List) Directive 1907/2006/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 18th December 2006 concerning Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

 $http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp$

¹ <u>ZVEI position paper (English)</u> <u>ZVEI position paper (German)</u> <u>ZVEI website</u>