

Formaldehyde Classification Change Update

In light of the recent announcement of the forthcoming classification change of Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0) that comes into effect 1st Jan 2016, Luminescence have conducted a full audit to identify any products that may be affected, ascertain the status the raw material supply chain and ensure compliance and continuity of supply of these products.

The new classification will make any Ink mixture that contains levels of 0.1% or more of formaldehyde subject to the EuPIA Exclusion List.

The outcome of the audit is that the vast majority of our products do not contain Formaldehyde. The products that were identified as containing Formaldehyde generally fall well below the 0.1% EuPIA threshold and will therefore remain fully compliant. The exceptional products that contain more than 0.1% Formaldehyde will be subject to a minor formulation adjustment to meet EuPIA's criteria, we would not expect this to effect the performance of the product.

There have been specific concerns within the industry about Thermochromic products and the effect of this classification change on future supply. We have successfully been able to ensure continuity of supply of our Thermochromic product range with little or no modification to formulation. Some existing formulations may need minor modification to keep them compliant with the EuPIA exclusion list but this will be the exception rather than the rule and any change of performance is likely to be insignificant. All new formulations from the date of this notice will be compliant with the new regulations.

Full notice and a trial ink sample (on request) will be issued to any customers using inks that need modification.