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**Background:**

The European Union has adopted new regulations, effective from October 17, 2023, to restrict intentionally added microplastics. These regulations are based on the REACH Regulation, Annex XVII, point 78. The aim is to drastically reduce the release of microplastics into the environment.

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**Definition Microplastics:**

Synthetic polymer particles smaller than 5 mm (size or length) that are organic, insoluble, and difficult to degrade. This also includes our „esplas“ interleaving powders.

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**What is allowed – and under what conditions?**

Our „esplas“ powders are exempt from the restriction according to point 78, as they are intended for industrial applications where there is no intentional release into the environment.

Reasons for the exemption are:

- Exclusive use in industrial processes.
- No release of the product into the environment.
- Documented disposal and collection of residues.

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**Resulting measures for the user:**

- Use the product only as intended (MSDS section 1.2).
- Correct collection and disposal of any remaining product (MSDS section 13).
- Not for use in any way that could result in release into the environment.

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**Our measures:**

- Adaption of MSDS with information on the Microplastics Regulation (sections 1.2, 13, 15.1).
- Report of annual sales volumes to ECHA from 2026/27 onwards.
- Internal documentation of industrial use and disposal obligations for customers.

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**Questions?**

If you need further information please contact us directly.

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