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To whom it may concern

Information on the legally compliant use of ozone

Anyone who manufactures or uses chemicals is subject to various legal regulations, under which the so-called Biocide Regulation (EU) No. 528/2012 and the REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH = Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of CHemicals). An authorization or registration process, respectively, must be completed, without which legally compliant operation of an ozone system is not possible. If ozone is used for biocidal purposes, i.e. for disinfection, it is subject to the Biocide Regulation. In all other cases (e.g. oxidation of water constituents), registration must be obtained under the REACH Regulation. Violations of the two regulations can be classified as criminal offences and can be punished with fines or even imprisonment.

Who is responsible for authorization and registration?

In principle, any party in the chain of manufacturer, seller and user can apply for an authorization according to the Biocide Regulation. In the non-profit organization EurO₃zon ivzw, leading manufacturers of ozone systems have joined forces in order to achieve the very time-consuming and expensive authorization jointly on behalf of all parties involved. So anyone who purchases, re-sells or operates an ozone system manufactured by a EurO₃zon member for biocidal purposes can use this authorization. For more information, please contact EurO₃zon ivzw at: www.euro3zon.org.

A registration according to REACH has to be made by each user, a takeover by the equipment manufacturer is not possible. However, EurO₃zon, together with a member also acting as a user, has organized a joint registration dossier, which other users can join as a co-registrant, in return for a contribution to the costs. Unlike the Biocide Regulation, the REACH Regulation staggers the scope of registration, and the associated costs, according to the annual production volume of the chemical concerned. Below a production volume of 1 t/year (= 114 g/h continuous output), no registration is required. For further information, please consult EurO₃zon ivzw at: www.euro3zon.org/LoA/IndexReach.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Paolini", written over a horizontal line.

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