

## October 17th 2023: GLITTER AND MICROPLASTICS. FILAGroup PRODUCTS ARE COMPLIANT.

On 27 September 2023, the European Commission published the amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) on intentionally added microplastics restriction (Regulation (EU) 2023/2055). The Regulation will entry into force on 17 October 2023 and the ban will not apply to products placed on the market until 16 October 2023. The amendment consists of adding a new entry 78 in Annex XVII under the EU chemical legislation REACH which restricts synthetic polymer microparticles, and two new appendices 15 and 16 which indicate rules on proving the degradability and solubility of these microplastics.

This restriction covers all intentionally added synthetic polymer particles below five millimeters that are organic, insoluble and resist degradation, and indicates that “Shall not be placed on the market as substances on their own or, where the synthetic polymer microparticles are present to confer a sought-after characteristic, in mixtures in a concentration equal to or greater than 0,01% by weight”.

We hereby state that microplastics have been already eliminated in the products of FILA Group, where necessary, except for “glitter glues” and “glitter paints/watercolours”, both this kind of products are exempted from the ban according to paragraph 5(c) of the Regulation, due to their characteristics: “Synthetic polymer microparticles which are permanently incorporated into a solid matrix during intended end use”.

FILAGroup have applied a sustainable approach to product development by introducing an internal protocol which establishes the implementation of solutions aimed at promoting the use of raw materials from renewable, sustainable sources, reducing packaging materials, using eco-friendly packaging, continually improving the performance of the products to increase their longevity and reduce waste while complying with all safety legislation and guaranteeing top-quality products to our customers.

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