CEPE Information Note for EU Powder Coatings Manufacturers
Powder Coatings and the REACH Restriction on Microplastics

The adoption of REACH restriction 2023/2055/EC on synthetic polymer microparticles (SPM) has brought new legal obligations for paints and ink industry. The intention of this document is to extend the CEPE guidance to the Powder Coatings (PC) Sector by providing sector-specific recommendations. The document is axed around the obligations, deadlines and compliance part.

There are two common characteristics in the PC sector that are worth to be highlighted in this context.

First, all the customers are industrial downstream users. There are no products for consumers or professional use. Second, all powders coatings are 100 % in scope of the restriction.

This document is written with the knowledge we have on August 2026.

What are my new legal obligations?

As of October 17th, 2025, you:

- Need to provide instructions on **use and disposal**, explaining to your customers how they can prevent releases of synthetic polymer microparticles to the environment.
- Need to provide the following **statement**:
- "The synthetic polymer microparticles supplied is subject to the conditions laid down by entry 78 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council"
- Need to inform the customer on the **quantity of SPM** in the product. For simplicity powder coatings can be reported as 100% SPM or the concentration of the SPM in the powder coatings can be communicated, that is excluding the non-polymer part (organic fillers etc.).
- Need to give information of the **generic identity** of the polymers contained in the product.

As from 2027, before May 31st of the year, you need to provide annually to ECHA the following information on your formulation process as described in CEPE's Microplastics Guidance.

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