



## An Announcement by Schunk Bahn- und Industrietechnik GmbH

### Subject: Replacement of Components and Coatings Containing Chromium VI Regulation (EU) No 1907/2006 (Reach) and Directive 2011/65/EU

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The Schunk Group complies with national and international laws, directives, standards and regulations. We monitor all changes which affect our jurisdictions and scope of activities. Through the REACH Regulation (chromium VI is listed in Annex XIV of the materials subject to authorization) and Directive 2011/65/EU from 8 June, 2011 (colloquially also referred to as RoHS II) for restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in electric and electronic devices, the use of materials containing chromium VI in quantities amounting to more than 0.1% of total weight is largely prohibited.

Due to this regulation, Schunk is changing all the materials and components of its products so as to be free of chromium VI. Accordingly, only chromium materials free of VI will be used for the development of new product. For ongoing projects and/or established products, this change will take place gradually, which, in some projects, could result in mixed components (e.g. fastening elements) being used. This also applies to deliveries of spare parts.

What will change for you?

Of course, our products will continue to exhibit the same high quality standard you have grown accustomed to after the transition to chromium VI-free materials, and they will not be compromised in their function. Torque specifications, strength and safety factors and corrosion resistance will be fulfilled by the new materials, just as they were with the old ones. Under some circumstances you will find changes in the colors of affected components, which will be the result of different surface coatings. The material numbers used on parts lists and maintenance documentation will remain unchanged.

We request that you bear this notification in mind and would like to expressly state that a different color of the materials affected does not constitute sufficient grounds for a formal complaint.

If you should have any further questions about this transition, please feel free to contact us using the contact data below.

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