

To all customers of Steelpaint GmbH

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## **New product labelling – implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [ CLP ]**

Dear customers,

As you may already know through trade publications and from other suppliers, the European Union has adopted the above new regulation for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. The existing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC for labelling of hazardous substances and mixtures with hazardous ingredients are herewith abrogated. Steelpaint will adjust the identification of its paints and paint related materials as per February 2014.

In concrete terms:

- New red-framed GHS- pictograms will replace the familiar orange danger symbols
- R- and S-phrases are replaced by the new, short safety instructions (H- and P-phrases) and completed – if applicable– by EUH-statements.
- Signal words (e.g. WARNING) indicate the severity of the product's hazard.

Detailed information about the new labelling can be found on internet (e.g. on the homepages of BAuA and the European Union). Additional information are also available with the competent professional associations.

We would like to point out that our recipes were not changed by the implementation of the new regulation. The new classification of our products is due to the fact that

- the existing hazard communication system was changed
- in order to apply the GHS regulation, hazard pictograms/ symbols are used on labels and MSDS
- The standardized H- and P-phrases differ from previous R- and S-phrases

The composition and properties of our products – appreciated for their high quality – remain unchanged. This also applies to categories of dangerous goods (transport classification).

For any queries, we have set up an email-address through which our HazMat experts can be reached: [clp@steelpaint.com](mailto:clp@steelpaint.com)

You can order an information brochure in German about GHS/CLP published by the German Paint Industry Association (Deutscher Lackverband) at this address.

For a transitional period, we may deliver products with new and old labelling in one delivery. This does not represent a violation of law. Products already on the shelves, labelled according to old legislation, can be sold acc. to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 over a transitional period until 01.06.2017.

Best regards

STEELPAINT GmbH