



What should a foundry do if it receives a letter from a supplier on the subject of REACH?

Suppliers increasingly approach foundries these days to enquire what articles are used for what purpose, frequently employing standard questionnaires. This is done in order to gather data for specific exposure scenarios in case a safety data sheet has to be generated for a substance by its manufacturer. As far as the raw materials and expendables that are typically used in casting processes are concerned, there is no question about stating their application. Especially in those cases where the substance in question is not typically and/or only rarely used by foundries, we recommend using the following standard phrase to answer the enquiry:

'We use the substance purchased from you in our casting process. We do not intend to develop exposure categories for specific applications.'

Only if it is not intended to disclose specific applications in order to protect the know-how of the company, for example, the foundry would have to register the substance itself and generate a safety data sheet, if required.