

BASA Bulletin

INFORMED COMMENT FROM THE BRITISH ADHESIVES & SEALANTS ASSOCIATION

BASA Business Forum, 41st AGM & Industry Lunch

The Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) in Coventry was established in 2010 as an independent Research & Technology Organisation (RTO) with the objective of bridging the gap between academia and industry.

As a unique conference venue for manufacturing and technology industries, it is the perfect venue to hold the 2024 Business Forum, 41st AGM and Industry Lunch.

Members can attend the AGM and Business Forum for free and paid tickets for the Industry Lunch include a tour of the MTC. Members are welcome to invite guests, any guests that are not BASA members will be able to network in the Mezzanine area during the AGM portion of the event.



Thursday 7th
March 2024



BOOKING OPEN

Thursday 7th March 2024,
Manufacturing Technology Centre, Coventry

Annual Dinner

We had a great night with members on 2nd December at the Chester Grosvenor hotel. Check out some of the highlights from the night on page 2.

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Members Guidance

One of the benefits of being a BASA member is the wide range of guidance documents we produce. Any member can request guidance for a specific issue/topic.

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FEICA Model EPDs

As a national association member of FEICA, all BASA members have access to the FEICA Model EPDs and related guidelines. Read how to access these on page 7.

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Annual Dinner (AKA the BASA Dinner Dance) - is this the end of an era?

The assembled stalwarts of the BASA Annual Dinner Dance joined BASA's CEO Lorna Williams and her husband James at the Chester Grosvenor to start the run up to Christmas party season in style on 2nd December. With a reduced number of guests, it was a smaller affair than previous years, but with lively support from enthusiastic partygoers from Mapei, F Ball and Co Ltd and Azelis, joined by new members Star Uretch Ltd, a party from Henkel and BASA's Caroline Raine and Lorna Williams and their (better?) halves, the night was a resounding success and enjoyed by all.

We were entertained with clever magic by Spencer Lynch (Spence is Liverpool Football Clubs resident close-up magician and founding member of the Liverpool Magic Circle) and we had our usual Photobooth for guests to record their memories (complete with silly hats of course).

Guests danced the night away to the DJ's from Arc Event Solutions, who were faced with no less than three more 'one more song' requests at the end of the night. As always, the hospitality at the Grosvenor was spectacular.

With the diminishing numbers and restrictions on budgets, we are looking at alternative ideas for 2024 and it has been suggested that a BASA Awards night is something that you might all like to see.

Watch for announcements in 2024 on that. It is likely to be a Friday night in the second half of November, and we will add some more details in the next BASA Bulletin.



Login to your Comply with REACH account

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are advising all 'Comply with UK REACH' users to login to their Government Gateway accounts registered with the service if they haven't done so recently.

This is because on the 1st January 2024 the 'Comply with UK REACH IT' service will have been operational for 3 years and users must log in to their Government Gateway account at least once every 3 years, or they will lose access to their Government Gateway account and its associated data.

Some users of the 'Comply with UK REACH' service may not have accessed their Government Gateway account since they fulfilled their initial regulatory obligations.

Anyone needing help accessing 'Comply with UK REACH' should call the UK Chemicals Helpline on 0330 159 1985.

HSE recommends users always assign more than one administrator (admin) for each 'Comply with UK REACH' account. This will prevent loss of access if an

individual admin leaves your organisation, or they can no longer access their Government Gateway account.

Important Note: Data that users have previously submitted via 'Comply with UK REACH' will not be deleted. However, if you lose access to your Government Gateway account, you will no longer be able to access your submission data via 'Comply with UK REACH'.

This may mean you are unable to update or progress a previous submission associated to your account.

The Department for Transport (DfT) updates Guidance Document for Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors

It now states that; From 13 November 2023, employers must:

- Keep staff training records for a minimum of 6 years from the date of training.
- Make the records available on request to the employee or to the Department for Transport.

If an employee leaves their employment, the employer must keep their training records for a further 2 years from the date the employment ended, in case of any subsequent issues arising.

These requirements are set out in [section 1.3.3 of ADR.](#)



Members Guidance

The BASA team are constantly working to ensure members are getting value from the Association.

One of the tasks we work on is keeping members up-to-date with important guidance documents/notes.

These guidance documents help gather all relevant information a member might need into one document.

The recent guidance documents we have produced and are available on the BASA website are:

- Microplastics (updated Oct 23)
- Great Britain Mandatory Classification and Labelling List (updated Nov 23)
- Occupational Exposure to Diisocyanate in the UK (updated Nov 23)
- EU Poison Centres (updated Nov 23)
- Mixtures containing explosives precursors and poisons (updated Nov 23)
- EU Y-Codes and Taric guidance (updated Nov 23)



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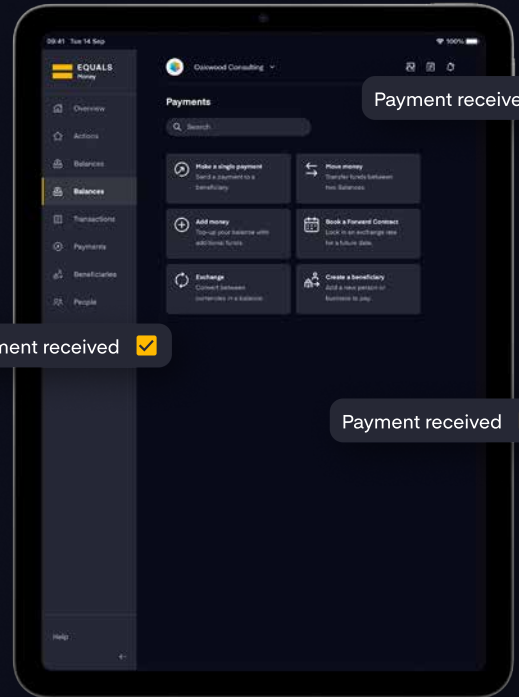
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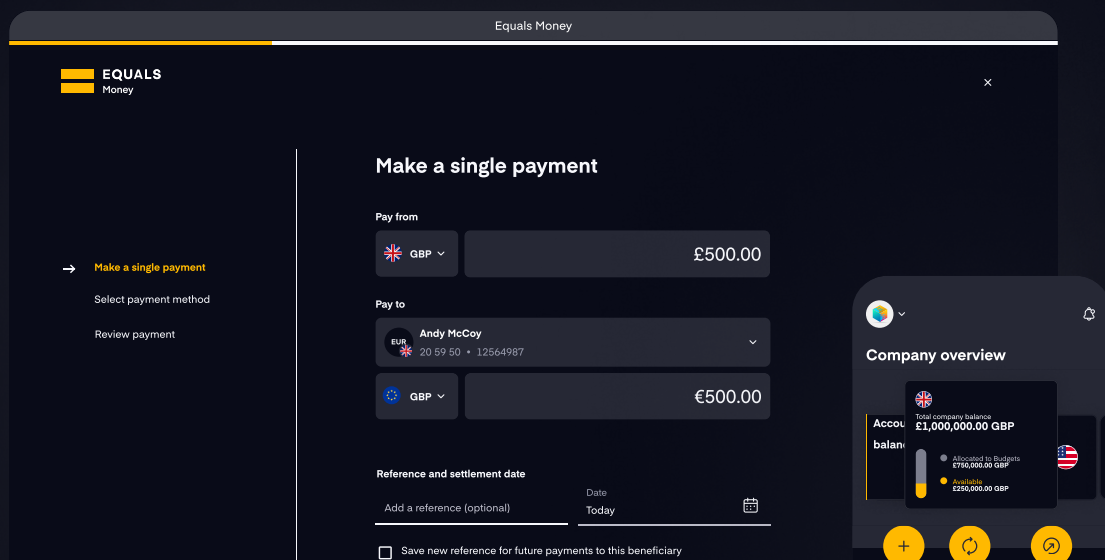


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European Model Environmental Product Declarations (Model EPDs)

European Model EPDs demonstrate the environmental credentials of adhesives and sealants in construction

Sustainable development is of great significance in the construction industry. Increasingly, architects and green procurement bodies are demanding products that meet international sustainability standards. The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) 305/2011 of the European Parliament and European Council (check [FEICA position on the review of the Construction Products Regulation \(EU\) No. 305/2011](#)) included the requirement for 'sustainability', and Belgium and France have national legislation requiring Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for construction products with an environmental claim.

From 2016 to 2022, FEICA offered '**FEICA Model Environmental Product Declarations (Model EPDs)**', which could be used by construction products manufacturers to prove the environmental impact of their products. Therefore, the choice of adhesive and sealant products available to architects and green procurement bodies was significantly increased.

The expansion of the range of products with Model EPDs gives SMEs improved access to a market that is otherwise available only to some and leads to significant cost and time savings for companies.

As Model EPDs are valid only for a maximum of 6 years, the 2016 versions were updated in 2022. FEICA, Industrieverband Klebstoffe (IVK), the European Federation for Construction Chemicals (EFCC) and Deutsche Bauchemie e.V. (DBC) undertook a joint



Did you know? As BASA are National Association Members of FEICA, all BASA members have access to these Model EPDs.

project to revise and extend the Model EPDs, as well as to extend the scope for additional substances and formulations.

The European Model EPDs are available to FEICA Direct Company Members (DCMs), Affiliate Company Members (ACMs) and FEICA National Association Members (NAMs). They are valid across the whole of Europe (not limited to the EU). Turkey, is not included.

The official language for the Model EPDs is English and FEICA only provides English versions of the EPDs.

Published EPDs:

- Products based on POLYURETHANE (PU) or SILANE-modified polymer, group 1 to 4 (4 EPDs)
- Products based on POLYURETHANE, group 5 to 6 (2 EPDs)
- Dispersion-based products, group 1 to 4 (4 EPDs)
- SILICONE based products- group 1 to 3 (3 EPDs)
- Products based on EPOXY-resin, group 1 to 5 (5 EPDs)
- Modified mineral MORTARS, group 1 to 3 (3 EPDs)

[Download the Model EPDs on the FEICA website here.](#)

The core EPD may be used by BASA members provided it has been proven that the respective product can be represented by this particular EPD.

FEICA has a guideline and a excel based calculation sheet available for BASA Members. This guideline, together with a template for a declaration of compliance, is available by clicking on the '[Request guideline](#)' link in the [table here](#).

Only authorised FEICA member companies (and members of FEICA National Associations like BASA) may use the guideline and the substance list to check the formulation and select an appropriate Model EPD.



Dr. Andreas Zett Appointed Managing Director of Grolman Group

With a Strong Focus on markets in China and India

Grolman Group, a global distributor of specialty chemicals, is pleased to announce that Dr. Andreas Zett has been appointed Managing Director of Grolman Group. His new position will focus on overseeing the company's strategic expansion in the Asia Pacific region, with particular emphasis on China and India.

Dr. Andreas Zett has been appointed Managing Director of Grolman Group effective from November 1, 2023 – in addition to existing Managing Directors. Andreas Zett, who has been an integral part of Grolman Group for over two decades, will assume this additional role while continuing his current responsibilities as Business Unit Director (BUD) for Pigments & Dyes.

Andreas Zett's expanded role as Managing Director will focus on overseeing and driving the company's strategic expansion initiatives in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region, with particular attention to the rapidly growing markets in China and India.

Andreas Zett's journey with Grolman Group began on December 1, 2000, when he joined as Sales Director for Pigments in Germany. His initial portfolio included

a range of pigments, such as ultramarine, TiO₂, phthalocyanine, and cadmium pigments, as well as pigment dispersions. Over the years, he took on additional responsibilities, expanding his role within the organisation.

The decision to appoint Andreas Zett as Managing Director underscores Grolman Group's commitment to strategic growth and enhancing its presence in

key geographical markets, especially in Asia. Mr. Zett's wealth of experience and proven track record within the company positions him as the ideal candidate to lead these vital initiatives.

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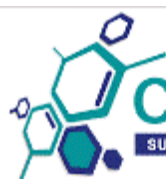


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