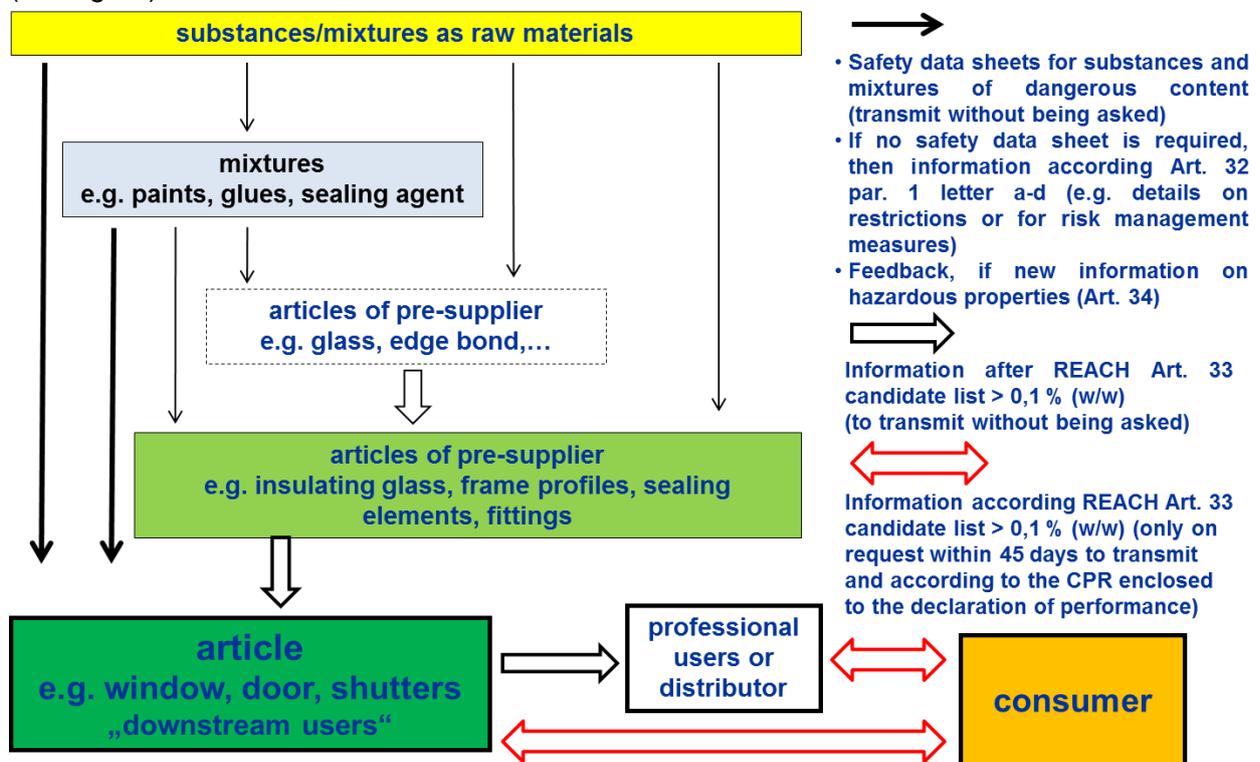


## SCIP database for construction products like windows, doors and curtain walling

EuroWindowor proposes to use generic information in the SCIP database for construction products like windows, doors and curtain walling, which will provide sufficient and reliable information to the waste operators.

EuroWindowor fully support the aim of making meaningful information on SVHC available throughout the value chain, if done in a proportional way where the value created at least equals the burdens. EuroWindowor has been evaluating the consequences of fulfilling the obligations set up in the SCIP database for the European window, door and façade sector against the added value this will bring to waste operators and consumers. Windows and doors contain many articles which themselves are complex, like different types of building hardware (hinges, locks, handles etc.), gaskets, glazing units and the sashes, frames and door leaves constructions themselves (see figure).



**Figure 1: Communication of information for articles of articles according to REACH**

(Source: [EuroWindowor Information REACH: 2016-08 "REACH - Fast Facts"](#))

At the same time a big majority (90-95 %) of windows, doors and curtain walling are made to measure and could therefore easily end up being seen as unique objects when having to be uploaded in SCIP database. Estimated 99% of the manufacturers of windows, doors and curtain walling are SME's. The complete window sector in EU will have about 68-72 Million unique window units per year calculated from the European window market figures<sup>1</sup>.

Having in mind that the typical life time of a window and door is 40-50 years and products generally are maintained during this period – as being painted, having new gaskets, some building hardware or glazing replaced by end-customer – the data that is entered into the SCIP database by the original manufacturer will no longer be equal to the exact product in the building when it is removed from the building. For these reasons EuroWindowor believes waste operators will have

<sup>1</sup> The European Window Markets, Verband Fenster + Fassade, 2019

just as reliable information, if the database consisted of generic information related to construction products like windows, doors and curtain walling.

The advantage would also be, that generic information of typical content in products placed on the market 40-50 years ago could be entered today. By that valuable information for waste operators handling products removed of buildings are secured already now.

It has also been put forward that one of the aims with the information in the SCIP database is to give customers an opportunity to choose products with less harmful substances contained. However, for made to measure products, like windows, doors and curtain walling, the information will not be available in the database before the product is put on the market. Information in the SCIP database on the level of detail foreseen in the present setup will therefore not bring the expected value to end-consumers.

As a representative of the European window, door and façade sector, EuroWindowor is able to help together with its members to carry out the task of generating the necessary generic information on substances of very high concern typically contained in these products. EuroWindowor is available to discuss and elaborate further on the topic.

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