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Dear Tyco Electronics Customer:

In response to your inquiry regarding Tyco Electronics' activities relative to **REACH**, the European Union Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, and Authorisation of Chemicals, please be advised of the following:

#### Awareness and focus

Tyco Electronics is fully aware of the European REACH regulation and has dedicated programs and resources to deal with all legislative requirements and business continuity concerns related to REACH.

#### Registration of Substances

Although Tyco Electronics is principally a supplier of articles which do not require registration, we have completed the process of contacting our suppliers of "substances, preparations, and articles" to ensure that all necessary pre-registration/registration requirements are being complied with in the required timescales. This effort extends to all materials used by Tyco Electronics that are within the scope of REACH and with regard to the applications in which the materials are used in our products. Tyco Electronics is engaged in the registration process for those few substances where we are either manufacturer or importer.

#### Ongoing supply of our products

As a result of the above mentioned efforts, we expect that REACH will not interfere with the supply of materials used in Tyco Electronics' products and that there will be no interruption in the supply of Tyco Electronics' products to our customers.

#### Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs)

In **October 2008** the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) published a first list of 15 substances that are under consideration for inclusion in Annex XIV as Substances of Very High Concern. We have essentially completed the assessment of our products against this list and have found that the vast majority do not contain any of these SVHCs. We have added this October 2008 REACH "compliance" information to our Statements of Compliance for our products which can be found on the website below.

In **January 2010**, ECHA has published a second list of 14 substances that are also under consideration for inclusion in Annex XIV as Substances of Very High Concern. In **March 2010**, a single additional substance was added. We have largely completed our assessment of these 15 substances with no products identified as containing any of these substances to date. We have added this Jan/Mar 2010 REACH "compliance" information to our Statements of Compliance for our products which can be found on the website below.

In **June 2010**, ECHA published a list of 8 substances that are also under consideration for inclusion in Annex XIV as Substances of Very High Concern. Our initial assessment indicates that these substances are not contained in any TE products. We have added this June 2010 REACH "compliance" information to our Statements of Compliance for our products which can be found on the website below.

In **December 2010**, ECHA published a list of 8 substances that are also under consideration for inclusion in Annex XIV as Substances of Very High Concern. Our initial assessment indicates that these substances are not contained in any TE products. We have added this December 2010 REACH "compliance" information to our Statements of Compliance for our products which can be found on the website below.

*Be assured that, if any Substance of Very High Concern is identified in any of our products above the threshold of 0.1% by weight, Tyco Electronics will take necessary actions to make the required **notification** to our customers.*



#### Annex XVII Restrictions

In June 2009 ECHA amended Annex XVII of REACH, consolidating a number of existing restrictions that had been implemented as amendments to Directive 76/769/EEC. Tyco Electronics was in compliance with these regulations previously and we remain compliant to the current Annex XVII restrictions. (Note that in many cases these restrictions are application specific and our statement of compliance is based on our understanding that our products are not used in these restricted applications.) We will continue to monitor any new additions to Annex XVII and will update our compliance statement as appropriate. Should you require more detailed information regarding use of our products in any restricted applications, please use the website indicated below.

For additional information regarding Tyco Electronics Product Compliance initiatives, please visit our Customer Support Center at [www.tycoelectronics.com/customersupport/rohssupportcenter](http://www.tycoelectronics.com/customersupport/rohssupportcenter) .

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact your Tyco Electronics Sales Engineer.

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