



CUSTOMER LETTER

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Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

Dear Customer,

Regarding TE Connectivity's activities with respect to **REACH**, the European Union Regulation concerning the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals**, please be advised of the following:

Awareness and Focus

TE Connectivity (TE) is fully aware of the European REACH Regulation EC No 1907/2006 and has dedicated programs and resources to deal with legislative requirements and business continuity concerns related to REACH.

Registration of Substances

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

Ongoing Supply of Our Products

TE has an ongoing effort to be in compliance with REACH registration obligations and therefore does not expect any disruption in the supply of materials used in TE products or the supply of TE products to our customers.

Communication of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)

We are regularly monitoring the continuing additions of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) to the Candidate List, which is the first step of the REACH Authorisation procedure. Please visit the ECHA website for the most up to date official version of the Candidate list: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>.

The vast majority of our products do not contain any of the published SVHC. For the minority of products that contain SVHC, specific substance information by part number is provided in our Statements of Compliance (SoC), which can be downloaded from our Product Compliance Support Center.

Be assured that if any SVHC is identified in any of our products above the threshold of 0.1% by weight we will communicate the required information to our customers (in accordance with REACH Article 33). For products containing SVHC, the part compliance statements include Article Safe Usage Statements which are standardized phrases associated with the SVHC, providing advice about the correct handling of the product. Where applicable, order confirmations and packaging slips contain links to the website where this



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information can be found.

Since the European Court of Justice ruling of September 10th, 2015, TE has been updating part compliance statements to show O5A (**Once An Article Always An Article**) calculations for REACH. Products that have an O5A REACH declaration are so indicated in the disclaimer of the part's Statement of Compliance.

Notification to ECHA of SVHC in Articles

We continue our evaluations to monitor and identify manufacturing and/or importation notification obligations to the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) for SVHC in articles.

This also includes the notification obligation as of 5 January 2021 to the **S**ubstances of **C**oncern **I**n **A**rticles as such or in complex objects (**P**roducts) (**SCIP**) database. For articles containing SVHC on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% w/w that TE supplies on the EU market, TE will submit the required SCIP notification. Should you have any questions on this topic or require SCIP numbers for TE parts submitted to the ECHA SCIP Database, please contact productcompliance@te.com

REACH Authorisation List (Annex XIV)

We continue to monitor the continuing additions of prioritised SVHC published in the Candidate List to the Authorisation List in Annex XIV. TE will not manufacture, import or use these SVHC in the EU after their respective sunset dates unless an authorisation has been granted for TE's use of said SVHC, or the use is exempted from authorisation. Many of TE's Business Units also have programs in place to design SVHC on the Authorisation List out of their products. Please note that the Regulation still allows for articles containing SVHC to be imported into the EEA.

Annex XVII Restrictions

We also continue to monitor the ongoing amendments to Annex XVII of REACH. While these amendments introduced some new restrictions they primarily replaced a number of European Union directives by consolidating existing restrictions, including those that had been implemented as amendments to Directive 76/769/EEC. In many cases, Annex XVII restrictions are application specific. The applicable substance restrictions are banned according to TE's policy. We will continue to monitor new additions to Annex XVII and will update our compliance statement as appropriate.

For additional information regarding TE Connectivity's Product Compliance initiatives, please visit our Product Compliance Support Center at <http://www.te.com/global-en/utilities/product-compliance.html>.

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

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