

## CUSTOMER LETTER

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

Dear Customer,

TE Connectivity (TE) is fully aware of **EU REACH**, the European Union Regulation (EC No 1907/2006) concerning the **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals** that entered into force on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

TE has dedicated programs and resources to deal with legislative requirements and business continuity concerns related to EU REACH.

#### **Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)**

We are monitoring the bi-yearly 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>.

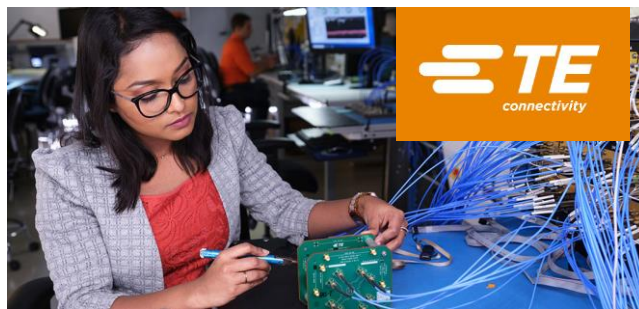
For a TE product that contains a SVHC above the threshold of 0.1% by weight, specific substance information by part number is provided in our Statements of Compliance (SoC), which can be downloaded from our [Product Compliance Support Center](#). Via our SoC we comply with the REACH communication obligation, to our customers, in accordance with REACH Article 33. For products containing SVHC, the SoC 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 contain links to the website where this information can be found.

Since the European Court of Justice ruling of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, TE has updated all part compliance statements to show O5A (**Once An Article Always An Article**) calculations for 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, mixtures, 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.

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.



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### **REACH Authorisation List (Annex XIV) and REACH Restriction List (Annex XVII)**

We keep on monitoring 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.

We also continue to monitor the ongoing amendments to Annex XVII of REACH. In many cases, Annex XVII restrictions are application specific. The substances of applicable substance restrictions are banned according to TE's policy.

### **SCIP Notification**

As of 5 January 2021, a notification obligation to the **S**ubstances of **C**oncern **I**n **A**rticles as such or in complex objects (**P**roducts) (SCIP) database exists. 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.

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

Should you have any further questions regarding the compliance status of a specific TE part number, please contact [productcompliance@te.com](mailto:productcompliance@te.com).

*As the global leader in connectivity and sensor solutions, TE Connectivity routinely makes acquisitions and divestitures to build and optimize our offerings for our customers. As a result, integration and divestment activities are a normal part of our operations. From a product compliance perspective, this dynamic means that certain TE parts may not yet be integrated into our systems or customer facing outputs. Accordingly, to the extent you seek a certification or other information with respect to a specific TE part or population of parts, bear in mind that parts from acquired entities may not yet be reflected in TE's product compliance outputs. To the extent you have any concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to seek confirmation from your TE contact.*

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