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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 pre-registration/registration requirements are being met within the required timeframes. 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 is 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**

As a result of our preparation and ongoing efforts described above, our ongoing REACH compliance efforts are not expected to disrupt 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](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, TE prepares REACH Substance Communication Documents (RSCD). Where applicable, order confirmations and packaging slips contain links to the website where these documents can be found.

**Disclaimer regarding the obligation to communicate information about Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in articles (Article 33 of REACH Regulation No 1907/2006, as amended).**

TE’s information on SVHC in articles is currently based on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) ‘Guidance on requirements for substances in articles’ (Version 2.0, April 2011), applying the 0.1% weight on weight concentration threshold at the finished product level.
TE is aware of the European Court of Justice ruling of September 10th, 2015 and the revised ECHA Guidance (Version 3.0, December 2015) stating that, in case of 'complex articles’, the threshold for SVHC must be applied to both the product as a whole and simultaneously to each of the articles forming part of its composition. TE continues to collect revised supplier declarations based on the new interpretation and awaits ECHA’s final comprehensive revision of its guidance on substances in articles expected in 2017. TE will revise our Statements of Compliance (SoC) to the extent required by the new guidance during 2017.

**Notification to ECHA of SVHCs in Articles**
We are performing ongoing evaluations to monitor and identify manufacturing and/or importation notification obligations to the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) for SVHC in articles. To date, we have determined that no such notifications are required.

**REACH Authorisation List (Annex XIV)**
We are 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 SVHCs 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 are also monitoring the ongoing amendments to Annex XVII of REACH, which has introduced some new restrictions, but 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. We have determined that our products are compliant with Annex XVII restrictions. We will continue to monitor new additions to Annex XVII and will update our compliance statement as appropriate.


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

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