



REACH REGULATION EC 1907/2006

REACH is a new European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals . It came into force on 1st June 2007 and replaces a number of European Directives and Regulations with a single system.

A major part of REACH is the requirement for manufacturers or importers of substances to register those substances with a central European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

The passage of information up and down the supply chain is key feature of REACH and users should be able to understand what manufacturers know about the dangers involved in using chemicals and how to control risks. It is important suppliers know how to assess the risks about how the chemicals are used.

To this end, we use all of our proprietary sourced chemical products as our suppliers advise us to; (in other words we are using the products for their intended use and specification only). We have frequent supplier visits to monitor our procedures where the suppliers themselves will appraise our process lines for compliance to the related specifications.

Hallmark Electronics Ltd understands that it is very important for our customers to be informed of our plans regarding registration of the substances in the products that we supply. As the REACH legislation has entered into force, Hallmark Electronics Ltd can make the following statement with regard to all products which Hallmark manufactures.

Hallmark Electronics Ltd are manufacturers of advanced Printed Circuit Boards, and are therefore considered " Downstream Users" for REACH regulations. The products that we supply are non-chemical products (articles) which, during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, will not release any substance. For that reason, Hallmark Electronics Ltd is not required to register any products.

Hallmark Electronics Ltd is therefore committed in ensuring that our suppliers are in compliance with the new REACH regulations. This is a task that we have already undertaken, and we are assured that there will be no business or supply interruptions whether our source of supply is from within the remit of the European Union or beyond.

We will however, inform you immediately in accordance with REACH – Article 33, if any substance of greater than 0.1% content (w/w) in our products will be classified as "Substances of very high concern" (SVHC) by the European Chemical Agency, updated 19.12.2011. Based on the current status we do not expect this to happen.

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