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Dear Customer,

Re: RS Components Approach to RoHS and REACH

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the above. With regard to the specific requests made in your communication, we can advise the following.

Compliance with European Regulation no. 1907/2006/EC (REACH)

RS Components work in close partnership with our suppliers to ensure that products in our offer are compliant with all relevant statutory provisions.

The REACH chemical regulation 1907/2006 entered force in the EU on the 1 June 2007. The effect of REACH and the obligations arising for industry will develop over many years.

RS supports the objectives of REACH to improve protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.

We are aware that our customers and suppliers will be affected in various ways depending upon the role they perform as defined by REACH. RS has already identified and is addressing several key areas, in particular:

- Potential obsolescence of parts, materials and chemicals.
- Identification of potential “Substances of Very High Concern” (SVHCs), and
- Enhanced material declaration requirements.

Our obligations under REACH are as follows:

1. Obligation to inform customers of presence of SVHCs in products

RS shall inform its customers of the presence of any Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) in any product it supplies if present at > 0.1% by weight of the product as soon as this information is available from our suppliers.

This information shall be supplied automatically and shall comprise the name of the SVHC and any steps needed for safe use of the product.

There are an increasing number of SVHCs detailed in the Candidate List. RS is aware of these being present in some chemical preparations we stock; further information may be found within section 3 of the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

When RS is informed by its suppliers that an SVHC is present in an article we shall forward this information with the article when supplied.

2. Obligation to register substances put on the market in the EU

RS does not manufacture in the EU or import from outside the EU substances in quantities of > 1 tonne per annum so has no registration obligations.

3. Obligation to register intentionally released substances from articles put on the market in the EU

No articles supplied containing substances which are intentionally released are put on the market by RS (i.e. either manufactured or imported), so we have no registration obligations.

4. Continuity of supply

RS is contacting suppliers to determine if the supply of parts or materials will be affected by REACH and will take any action necessary to avoid disruption to the supply of its products.

We are committed to complying with the requirements of REACH and have retained internal and external experts on this regulation to assist in ensuring that we take appropriate steps to respond to REACH.

We have established and implemented a plan overseen by senior management responsible for REACH and welcome constructive dialogue with both our customers and suppliers.

The Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) Directive

RS Components Ltd is a Distributor and therefore does not manufacture or design any of the products in the RS catalogue; compliance information is therefore obtained directly from our Suppliers. We presume the current articles that are compliant will continue to be RoHS compliant, unless we are informed otherwise.

Further information will be communicated as it becomes available via our catalogue, website and other media.

Reply to the forwarded enquiry

Unfortunately, we are at present unable to present a more detailed reply to the posed questions.

Further information will be communicated as soon as they become available on our catalogue homepage www.rsonline.dk www.rsonline.no , www.rsonline.se and other media.

Kind regards,
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