

28th February 2024

REACH - Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH) EC Regulation 1907/2006 was adopted in the European Union in 2007 to manage the risks that chemicals in products may pose to human health and the Environment. Following 'Brexit', this Regulation was brought into UK law on 1 January 2021, and is known as UK REACH.

To enable the many requests for information regarding REACH that Amphenol Ltd receives to be answered promptly and efficiently, the statement below has been prepared:

Amphenol Ltd is not a Manufacturer of substances, it does not import any substance into the UK in quantities above the 1 tonne / year threshold limit, and no substances are intentionally released from the articles it produces; therefore it is not required to register any substance.

Amphenol Ltd is a Down Stream User of chemicals. In many cases the Legal Entity responsible for registering the substances is a number of steps along the supply chain. However, as far as Amphenol Ltd is aware, full registration was carried out under EU REACH for all substances used in its processes that required it, and appropriate registration with the HSE under UK REACH will take place in due course. A database has been compiled of all the substances used in the manufacturing processes so that their REACH status can be monitored and controlled.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published the first Candidate List in October 2008, and additional substances have been added to it twice a year since. As of 1st January 2021 there were 209 Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) on this List, and these are still the current UK REACH SVHCs.

Article 33 of REACH requires suppliers to communicate information to their customers about any SVHCs which are present in their products in amounts that exceed the minimum threshold level of 0.1% of the weight of SVHC compared to the total weight of the product.

To the best of Amphenol Ltd's knowledge, no SVHCs, except cadmium and lead, are present above 0.1% w/w in its products. Cadmium is used as a plating finish on some of Amphenol Ltd's products. Lead is present above 0.1% in many of the copper alloys used in Amphenol Ltd products; leaded solder is used on certain ranges. These substances pose no risk to users handling connectors in the as-supplied condition, but Safe Use information for customers of these products is available on Amphenol Ltd's website at <https://www.amphenol.co.uk>

If you require any further information or clarification on the issue of REACH, such as REACH certificates for specific part numbers, please contact me direct.

Yours Sincerely,

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