

REACH Statement

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Background

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals. It entered into force on 1 June 2007.

REACH is a regulation of the European Union, adopted to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. It also promotes alternative methods for the hazard assessment of substances in order to reduce the number of tests on animals.

In principle, REACH applies to all chemical substances; not only those used in industrial processes but also in our day-to-day lives, for example in cleaning products, paints as well as in articles such as clothes, furniture and electrical appliances. Therefore, the regulation has an impact on most companies across the EU.

REACH places the burden of proof on companies. To comply with the regulation, companies must identify and manage the risks linked to the substances they manufacture and market in the EU. They have to demonstrate to ECHA how the substance can be safely used, and they must communicate the risk management measures to the users.

For more info, see ECHA web page <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/understanding-reach>

How does REACH impact J2 Sourcing?

J2 Sourcing is an independent distributor of electronics components and therefore can be an “importer of articles”. Our customer is always a “manufacturer” that sets products to users and therefore responsibility to register Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in final products, as defined by ECHA, passes to our customer.

As there is no intended release of substances from the products re-sold by J2 Sourcing, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, nor do we set any final products to users on EU market, we have no need to register our activities with ECHA.

Chemicals used in the components or the manufacturing of components sold by J2 Sourcing are used at the discretion of the manufacturer and the relevant requirements of the REACH Regulation remain the responsibility of the manufacturer.

The latest list of SVHC (Known as the candidate list) can be found on the European Chemicals Agency website: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

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