

EU REACH Regulation No. 1907/2006 and its Application to Converter|Tec Products

Converter|Tec understands its obligations and the applicability of EC Regulation No. 1907/2006 with respect to the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (“REACH”) to its products.

Converter|Tec continuously monitors the changes in legislation to meet those obligations for the products Converter|Tec manufactures in or imports directly into the EU.

Substances used in the articles supplied by Converter|Tec are not subject to REACH registration process because these are integral to the functioning of the part and are not intended to be released during normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions.

Just as our customers rely upon us, Converter|Tec relies upon its suppliers in gathering this information. Therefore the accuracy and completeness of our information depends on the reporting of our suppliers, and the many cascading tiers of components and material manufacturers that constitute the supply chain.

Converter|Tec is aware of the obligation to communicate specific data on substances contained in products it supplies (Article 33). In particular our company will provide the required information if 0.1% by weight threshold per article of any substance of very high concern (“SVHC”) is exceeded.

Having regard to the verdict of EU Court of Justice on the “Once an Article Always an Article” rule, the complexity of our articles (products) and the recent additions to the SVHC list, Converter|Tec hereby informs you that our articles may contain components (articles) which in turn have been reported to us as potentially containing the following substances:

Substance	CAS No.	EC No.	Intended Use
Lead	7439-92-1	231-100-4	Alloying element in steels, copper alloys, aluminum alloys, Pb/Sn solders in electronics subassemblies
Chromium trioxide	1333-82-0	215-607-8	Corrosion protection of metals in processing (Hexavalent chromium may be retained on but not released from the finished article).
Sodium dichromate	10588-01-9, 7789-12-0	234-190-3	
Bisphenol A	80-05-07	201-245-8	Professional use of articles made of polycarbonate
Lead chromate molybdate sulphate red (C.I. Pigment Red 104)	12656-85-8	235-759-9	Colorant used in articles made of polymite material

Based on input from our supply chain and our manufacturing operations, ConverterTec believes that, to the best of its knowledge, all components using Annex XIV substances in their manufacture have been produced outside of the European Economic Area and, therefore, are not subject to the REACH Annex XIV authorization process.

Converter|Tec is enhancing our internal process to ensure the REACH compliance of our products, which includes ongoing efforts to obtain information from suppliers and monitor changes to REACH requirements (including the SVHC Candidate List, Annex XIV and applicable substances listed in Annex XVII).

If you have any comments or questions concerning this communication or related to particular product on the applicability of the above statement, please don't hesitate to contact your Converter|Tec representative.