

**Duty to communicate information in accordance with Article 33 of the REACH Regulation,
number (EC) 1907/2006**

Dear Sirs,

Within the meaning of REACH, Helmholz GmbH & Co. KG manufactures electrical products as what is called a “down-stream user“. We are therefore under an obligation to communicate information to our customers in accordance with Article 33 of the REACH Regulation in so far as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) in a concentration exceeding 0.1% by weight is contained in a product supplied by us.

The list of SVHC substances includes a wide range of materials and is published on the web-site of the European Chemicals Agency at http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp.

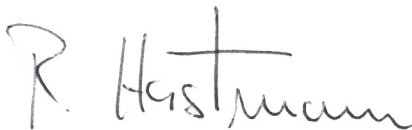
In our own interest and against the background of a high level of security of supply and product safety, we take this duty to communicate information very seriously. We comply with the regulatory requirements under Article 33 of the REACH Regulation by means of the following procedure:

- We are in contact with the suppliers of relevant raw materials which are used in our products and have arranged to be given binding information on whether the listed SVHC substances are contained in the raw materials in concentrations greater than 0.1% by weight.
- The EU producers of products which are processed in our products in a relevant order of magnitude are similarly obliged to inform us immediately and without being so requested if the products they supply contain a SVHC substance in a concentration greater than 0.1% by weight. If we receive information on this matter from our suppliers and are therefore made aware that as a result the 0.1% by weight threshold for an SVHC substance is also exceeded in our products, we will inform you without delay.
- We are concluding separate agreements with non-EU suppliers of products which are processed in our products in the relevant order of magnitude as these suppliers are not automatically subject to the REACH duty to communicate information. We are therefore arranging to receive written assurances from non-EU suppliers that we will be informed immediately if a product which is supplied to us exceeds the 0.1% by weight threshold for a SVHC substance.

From today’s perspective and against the background of information from our suppliers, it is not expected that our products contain SVHC substances in a concentration by weight exceeding 0.1 %.

If you should have any further questions about the implementation of the REACH Regulation in our company, please feel free to contact us at any time.

With kind regards
Helmholz GmbH & Co. KG



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