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REACH Compliant

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Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) is a European Union regulation dated 18 December 2006. REACH addresses the production and use of chemical substances, and their potential impacts on both human health and the environment.

Its 849 pages took seven years to pass, and it has been described as the most complex legislation in the Union's history and the most important in 20 years. It is the strictest law to date regulating chemical substances and will affect industries throughout the world.

REACH entered into force on 1 June 2007, with a phased implementation over the next decade. The regulation also established the European Chemicals Agency, which manages the technical, scientific and administrative aspects of REACH. In order to comply with our responsibilities, we have reviewed the REACH Regulation as applicable to the products we supply. According to the regulation, the products that are supplied by Clips & Clamps Industries are considered "articles" and as such are not required to be registered.

We have reviewed the current listing of "SVHC's" and have determined that none of the items on the list are present on or in the products we supply. Our suppliers have confirmed to us that the product(s) they manufacture are subject to periodic independent testing to ensure the continued compliance with the REACH Regulations.

One of the major elements of the REACH regulation is the requirement to communicate information on chemicals up and down the supply chain. This ensures that manufacturers, importers, and also their customers are aware of information relating to health and safety of the products supplied. For many retailers the obligation to provide information about substances in their products within 45 days of receipt of a request from a consumer is particularly challenging. Having detailed information on the substances present in their products will allow retailers to work with the manufacturing base to substitute or remove potentially harmful substances from products. The list of harmful substances is continuously growing and requires organizations to constantly monitor any announcements and additions to the REACH scope.

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