



Compliance with European Regulation no. 1907/2006/EC (REACH) and SCIP Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects (Products) established under the Waste Framework Directive (WFD)

RS Group works in close partnership with our suppliers to ensure that products in our offer are compliant with all relevant statutory provisions.

The REACH chemical regulation 1907/2006 entered force in the EU on the 1 June 2007. The effect of REACH and the obligations arising for industry will develop over many years.

RS Group supports the objectives of REACH to improve protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.

We are aware that our customers and suppliers will be affected in various ways depending upon their role in the supply chain as defined by REACH. RS Group has identified and is addressing potential several key obsolescence areas, in particular: of parts (articles), constituent materials and chemical mixtures / preparations.

Our obligations under REACH are as follows:

1. Obligation to inform customers of presence of SVHCs in preparations and articles

RS Group shall inform its customers via the websites of the presence of any Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) on the current Candidate List (Version 14th January 2024) in any article or preparation it supplies if present at > 0.1% by weight as soon as this information becomes available from our suppliers.

This information shall comprise the name of the SVHC and any steps needed for safe use of the preparation or article and where we have been informed of the presence of SVHCs is available at line level from our websites in the Technical Reference Section.

2. Obligation to register substances put on the market in the UK & EU

RS Group does not manufacture in the UK & EU or import from outside the UK & EU substances in quantities of > 1 tonne per annum so has no registration obligations.

3. Obligation to register intentionally released substances from articles put on the market in the UK & EU

No articles supplied containing substances which are intentionally released are put on the market by RS Group (i.e., either manufactured or imported), we therefore have no registration obligations.

4. Continuity of supply

RS Group is in regular contact with our suppliers to determine if the supply of parts or materials will be affected by REACH and will take any action necessary to avoid disruption to the supply of products.

We are committed to complying with the requirements of REACH and have retained internal and external experts on this regulation to assist in ensuring that we take appropriate steps to respond to the requirements and welcome constructive dialogue with both our customers and suppliers.

5. SCIP Registration (SVHCs in Articles)

RS Group has obligations for our RS Pro range as the brand owner and manufacturer branded ranges as a distributor operating within the EU.

We are currently running a programme to register relevant articles with ECHA to be visible on the SCIP Database.

This is an ongoing programme and subject to the relevant SVHC data becoming available from our suppliers.

As part of this programme, we will also undertake simplified SCIP notifications (SSNs) to fulfil our obligations as a distributor where appropriate.

We have no plans to directly communicate or provide SCIP numbers for any articles we notify to ECHA as this is not prescribed within legislation.

The requirement is for articles containing SVHCs above the prescribed limits to be available on the SCIP Database.

SCIP is not a requirement within the UK market as the UK has not implemented this provision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) which is the primary legislation driving SCIP.

Further information will be communicated as it becomes available via our website and other media. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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