

January 19th 2023

SUBJECT: REACH Compliance Declaration

Dear Valued Customers,

The European Regulation 1907/2006 on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and restriction of Chemicals (REACH) entered into force on June 1, 2007. The goal of REACH is to ensure the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals.

This legislation will have significant impact on all manufacturers, importers and downstream users in the EU and requires registrations of chemical substances, preparations and articles with an intended release of substances. Suppliers operating outside the EU are asked to support this initiative by providing certain data regarding the hazards of the substances to ensure compliance.

REGISTRATION

Gems Sensors & Controls / West Control Solutions do not manufacture chemicals, preparations or articles that intentionally release substances under normal operating conditions and therefore do not fit within the scope of entities obligated to pre-register and register with REACH. Both our company and key suppliers are committed to fulfil our legal obligations under REACH and seek to uphold our role in the necessary communication network needed to support REACH compliance.

Restriction of Chemicals – Annex XVII

Annex XVII of the REACH regulations imposes restrictions on hazardous substances in preparations or articles that present risks to human health or the environment. The restriction covers a wide range of applications. We certify that our products comply with the conditions of the restriction as defined in Annex XVII Titled “Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles” dated June 26, 2009.

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) – Annex XIV

As of **January 17th 2023**, ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency) has placed **233** substances in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorization. Any SVHC must not be used, manufactured or imported without the prior authorization of the ECHA. The “candidate list” will be updated and published periodically by ECHA as more substances are identified as SVHC.

As of today’s date, none of the articles in our products have been fully evaluated with respect to the latest list of SVHCs; therefore, this statement serves as notice to our customers that our products may contain equal to or greater than 0.1% w/w of any of these SVHCs. For detailed disclosure, please contact us directly. This letter is intended to be a notification of the existence of possible SVHCs and our efforts to identify and pass information on. We will also continue to monitor the effects of Brexit upon this compliance.

The determination is based on information from sources which we believe are reliable. Product users are responsible for determining the applicability of REACH and other related environmental regulations based on their individual usage of the final product.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For and on behalf of Gems Sensors & Controls / West Control Solutions.



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