



## Connect Electronics

### REACH Overview

REACH (Regulation, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007 to streamline and improve the former legislative framework on chemicals of the European Union (EU). REACH places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to health and the environment.

In principle REACH applies to all chemicals: not only chemicals used in industrial processes but also in our day-to-day life, for example in cleaning products, paints as well as in articles such as clothes, furniture and electrical appliances.

### REACH Objectives

The aims of REACH are to:

- Improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals
- Enhance the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry, a key sector for the economy of the EU
- Promote alternative methods for the assessment of hazards of substances
- Ensure the free circulation of substances on the internal market of the European Union

### Glossary of REACH terms used in this statement

“Article” 3(3): an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition. “Candidate List”: substances that are included in the Candidate List have been identified as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).

“SVHC”: substances which may have very serious and often irreversible effects on humans and the environment. Substances are added to the Candidate List by the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency). Substances on the Candidate List may subsequently become subject to authorization by decision of the European Commission.

### REACH STATEMENT

#### REACH – Connect Electronics Ltd.’s Position February 2009

This statement reflects Connect Electronics Ltd Electronics Group Holdings’ (Connect Electronics Ltd) understanding of the applicability of European *Union Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)* to Connect Electronics Ltd.’s operations.

Connect Electronics Ltd is an independent distributor of electronics components and as such is classed as an importer or distributor of “articles” as defined in REACH Article 3(3). As an independent distributor, Connect Electronics Ltd does not manufacture any of the components it sells and does not add any chemicals during the handling process. Products sold by Connect Electronics Ltd are “articles” as defined in REACH Article 3(3).



There is no intended release of substances from the products sold by Connect Electronics Ltd, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, therefore the requirement in REACH Article 7(1)(b) to register substances contained in articles and intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use does not apply.

Chemicals used in the components or the manufacturing of components sold by Connect Electronics Ltd are used at the discretion of the manufacturer and the relevant requirements of the REACH Regulation remain the responsibility of the manufacturer. Connect Electronics Ltd will continue to monitor all further obligations with regards to the "Candidate List" as it is revised, and will make public to its customers any changes which may affect this statement.

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