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REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals

(REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL)

REACH is set of European Union regulations that affect all industries doing business in the EU. The responsibility for chemical safety is primarily placed on the manufacturers of those chemicals and brings the EU under one set of regulations. An objective of these regulations with respect to chemicals of high concern is that they are replaced with less dangerous chemicals or eliminated.

Multitone Electronics Group:

- Is a producer of articles and therefore has a role in these new regulations. Under Article 3 of REACH.
- Being also a distributor of equipment has for some of its product range a limited role in these new regulations. For these items the Multitone Electronics Group is not considered a manufacturer, importer, downstream user, or registrant under Article 3 of REACH and therefore has no responsibility to register any of these products.
- Has the responsibility to communicate SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern) information down the supply chain when provided by the manufacturer of equipment or component parts, per Article 33 of the directive.
- Requires its suppliers to adhere to the requirements of REACH, identify SVHC and provide Safety Data Sheets or other document prescribing the safe handling of their products which contains SVHC's in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight in any of the products homogenous materials.
- Selects and maintains suppliers that openly and publicly support REACH.
- Has made suppliers aware of its expectations and commitment to comply with REACH.
- Will when made aware of the presences of a SVHC in a constituent part of an article:
 - Communicate this to our customers and provide them with a Safety Datasheet as required by article 33 of REACH.
 - Where applicable, review the design of the article in order to remove the presence of the SVHC.
 - A Safety Datasheets function is to instruct the end-user on safe handling of the product with the SVHC. In most cases the amount will be small and encapsulated in a component part. Exposure to the SVHC would require changing the state of the component by severe mechanical force (Grinding/crushing). This would not constitute normal way of handling the product, and the safety datasheet will reflect this distinction.

Further Information

- For more on the aims of REACH see: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/about.htm>
- The [European Chemicals Agency](#) (ECHA), based in Finland, will manage the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction processes across the EU.
- In the UK the [Health & Safety Executive](#) is the competent authority.

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