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REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals.)

Please find below the company's response to the above EU directive.

As both a manufacturer and distributor and in order to meet the requirements of the directive, we are in contact with our suppliers of both purchased product and additional processes (such as plating) and can confirm the following:

- 1) Fasteners as 'products' are covered by the REACH Directive but, in the main are free from the obligation to register due to a number of relevant exemption rules as fasteners are classified as "articles with no intended release".
- 2) Corrosion protection coatings (such as sacrificial coatings) are exempt as it is not the coating itself which is released but by-products of any reaction.
- 3) Substances requiring registration may include those contained within corrosion protective coatings but are generally less than 0.1%. However, individual products may need verification.
- 4) The downstream suppliers of products used either in our production processes (including sub-contract) have the responsibility to ensure that substances within their processes will be pre-registered in accordance with REACH regulations. We are not aware of any suppliers supplying any product containing SVHC outside acceptable limits.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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