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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH) EC Regulation 1907/2006 has been adopted in the European Union to manage the risks that chemicals in products may pose to human health and the Environment.

To enable the many requests for information regarding REACH that Amphenol has been receiving to be answered promptly and efficiently, the statement below has been prepared:

Amphenol Ltd is not a Manufacturer of substances, it does not import any substance in quantities above the 1 tonne / year threshold limit, and no substances are intentionally released from the articles it produces; therefore it is not required to register any substance.

Amphenol Ltd is a Down Stream User of chemicals. In many cases the Legal Entity responsible for registering the substances is a number of steps along the supply chain. However, as far as Amphenol Ltd is aware, full registration has been carried out for all substances used in its processes that required it (the deadlines for registration were 30th November 2010, 31st May 2013 and 31st May 2018). A database has been compiled of all the substances used in the manufacturing processes so that their REACH status can be monitored and controlled.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published the first Candidate List in October 2008, and additional substances were added to it in January 2010, March 2010, and then in every June/July and December/January since. As of 25th June 2020, there are now a total of 209 Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) on the List.

Article 33 of REACH requires suppliers to communicate information to their customers about any SVHCs which are present in their products in amounts that exceed the minimum threshold level of 0.1% of the weight of SVHC compared to the total weight of the product.

To the best of Amphenol Ltd's knowledge, no SVHCs, except cadmium and lead, are present above 0.1% w/w in its products. Cadmium is used as a plating finish on some of Amphenol Ltd's products, and a small number of products contain cadmium pigment in rubber seals. Lead is present above 0.1% in many of the copper alloys, and some aluminium alloys, used in Amphenol Ltd products; leaded solder is used on certain ranges. These substances pose no risk to users handling connectors in the as-supplied condition, but Safe Use information for customers of these products is available on Amphenol Ltd's website at <http://www.amphenol.co.uk>

If you require any further information or clarification on the issue of REACH, such as REACH certificates for specific part numbers, please contact me direct.

Yours Sincerely,

Erica Moore
Environmental Compliance Manager