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Dear TE Connectivity Customer:

In response to your inquiry regarding TE Connectivity's (TE) activities with respect to **REACH**, the European Union Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals, please be advised of the following:

Awareness and Focus

TE is fully aware of the European REACH regulation and has dedicated programs and resources to deal with legislative requirements and business continuity concerns related to REACH.

Registration of Substances

Although TE is principally a supplier of articles, which do not require registration under REACH, we have completed the process of contacting our suppliers of "substances, preparations, and articles" to ensure that all necessary pre-registration/registration requirements are being met within the required timeframes. This effort extends to all materials used by TE that are within the scope of REACH and with regard to the applications in which those materials are used in our products. TE is engaged in the registration process for those few substances for which we are either a manufacturer or an importer.

Ongoing Supply of Our Products

As a result of our preparation and ongoing efforts described above, compliance with REACH is not expected to disrupt the supply of materials used in TE products or the supply of TE products to our customers.

Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs)

We are regularly monitoring the continuing additions of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) to the Candidate List, which is the first step of the REACH authorization procedure. To date, 71 substances have been identified as SVHC and published on the Candidate List:

- October 2008 (15 substances)
- January 2010 (14 substances)
- March 2010 (1 substance)
- June 2010 (8 substances)
- December 2010 (8 substances)
- June 2011 (8 substances, of which 7 were new substances)
- December 2011 (20 substances, of which 18 were new substances)

In general, the vast majority of our products do not contain any of the published SVHC. This information is confirmed by part number on our Statements of Compliance, which can be downloaded from the website referenced below. For the minority of products that may contain SVHC, specific substance information by part number is also provided in our Statements of Compliance.

Be assured that, if a Substance of Very High Concern is identified in any of our products above the threshold of 0.1% by weight, we will communicate the required information to our customers, according to REACH Article 33.

Notification to ECHA of SVHCs in Articles

We are performing ongoing evaluations to monitor and identify manufacturing and/or importation notification obligations to ECHA for SVHC in articles. As of this date, we have determined that no such notifications are required.



REACH Authorization List (Annex XIV)

We are monitoring the continuing additions of prioritized SVHC published in the Candidate List to the Authorization List in Annex XIV. If Annex XIV substances are present in our products, TE will target the substitution of those substances to ensure that those SVHC are removed from TE products before their respective sunset dates.

Annex XVII Restrictions

We are also monitoring the ongoing amendments to Annex XVII of REACH, which has introduced some new restrictions, but primarily replaced a number of European Union directives by consolidating existing restrictions, including those that had been implemented as amendments to Directive 76/769/EEC. In many cases, Annex XVII restrictions are application specific. It is our understanding that our products are not being used in those restricted applications. TE has been in compliance with the directives replaced by Annex XVII and is currently in compliance with Annex XVII. We will continue to monitor new additions to Annex XVII and will update our compliance statement as appropriate. Should you require more detailed information regarding the use of our products in any restricted application(s), please use the web link provided below.

For additional information regarding TE Connectivity Product Compliance initiatives, please visit our Customer Support Center at <http://www.te.com/customersupport/productcompliance>.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact your TE Sales Engineer.

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