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To whom it may concern:

**Subject: EC Reach Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
Following last candidate list July 16,2019 (201 SVHCs)**

Dear Customer,

Mersen offers high quality products and services for safety, meeting our customers' cost, quality and environmental impact requirements. Like any **manufacturer of Articles as defined by the Reach regulation**, we comply with EC REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. Mersen as a producer of a finished article is still bound to provide data under REACH to consumers of its articles. Most materials composing the parts of our finished products are common and are not particularly critical. We maintain a constant watch on changes in the candidate list, liaising with **our suppliers**, to also monitor the following lists to ensure compliancy.

ECHA Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

ECHA Authorization List (Annex XIV) <https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

ECHA Restrictions List (Annex XVII) <https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

And require them to inform us immediately of any critical change in the composition of any article concerned.

Suppliers shall ensure that the composition of articles are free of SVHC substances as defined in the (1) REACH Candidate list; (2) REACH Authorization and (3) REACH Restrictions list for more than 0.1% of their weight.

This continuing cooperation has enabled us to set up Reach status declaration documents for our product families. Those Declarations are updated following any change of the candidate list, and the Regulation if necessary. They are recorded, referenced, dated, signed, and made available to our sales teams so that they can be communicated to customers at their request.

Communicating these documents fully meets the requirements of the European Regulation.

Mersen does not communicate any other details on the raw materials used in finished products other than such data as pertaining to listed SVHC's found to be over the 0.1% w/w threshold at the article level, and safe use data, wherever applicable. Material declaration statements are provided only as needed to be in line with globally applicable directives and regulations. Specific customer requests will be directed to existing declaration statements

As a Downstream user in the value chain, Mersen will:

- Continue to drive a strict policy of Occupational Health and Safety based on Safety Data Sheets,
- Monitor by-the-supplier-identified uses of Substances and Preparations contained in our products, and would inform customers and the European Agency of any presence of SVHCs in the finished products if necessary.
- Seek out possibilities to substitute or reformulate in anticipation of possible disappearances of Substances and changes in preparations.

Mersen's communication policy with our suppliers will strive to avoid any adverse effect from the EU REACH regulation. Mersen will actively communicate declarable substance information and safe use guidance in relation to our products, in order to continue ensuring and enhancing the safety of people and the environment.

Yours Truly,

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