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SUBJECT: EC Regulation No 1907/2006; Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (more commonly known as the *EU REACH Directive* and/or *REACH 173* in reference to the list of 173 SVHCs (Substances of Very High Concern).

This document follows our previous Technical Bulletins 09-01, 10-03, 10-04, 11-01, 11-02, 11-04, 12-01, 12-04, 13-01, 13-03, 14-01, 14-07, 15-02, 15-05, 15-06, 16-01, 16-06 on the same subject, and is intended to be an updated status regarding the REACH regulation for **Amphenol Australia** (*herein after referred to as AAL*), the Amphenol division responsible also for **Amphenol Audio**.

1. Registration Process:

Based on the evaluation of our role under the terms of REACH we can confirm at this time that AAL does not manufacture, export or import:

1. *chemical substances in excess of 1 ton a year,*
2. *mixtures or preparations of chemical substances,*
3. *substances or preparations in containers,*
4. *articles which contain substances which are intentionally released during their use.*

As AAL manufactures solely products (as articles), which do not release any substances under normal or reasonably foreseeable usage, it remains our understanding that AAL has no registration obligations. We are furthermore working with our suppliers to ensure that they (or their suppliers) have pre-registered their substances.

2. Authorization Process:

Additionally, as part of our OH&S review processes; we have systems in place to ensure that:

- a. All the applicable Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) for our internal processes are updated and available in our manufacturing facility in Melbourne.
- b. The different uses of chemicals we have are covered within the planned exposure scenarios.

3. Restriction Process:

A complete listing of **173 SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern)** was updated and published on the **12th January 2017** by the EU. <http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>. AAL confirms that the intentional composition of the articles, including associated packaging, we put on the market do not contain such substances above a maximum concentration as defined in the REACH Regulation, and we are in communication with the supply chain to determine if any such substances are present in the materials supplied to AAL.

AAL does not independently conduct analytical testing for REACH and the information in this letter is based upon technical data from our supply chain which is believed to be reliable and accurate. The information provided is subject to change as additional experience and knowledge is gained. AAL will notify its concerned customers upon the discovery of any article containing a SVHC or banned substance above a maximum concentration as defined in REACH.

Kind regards,



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