

## **REACH Regulation (1907/2006)**

### **Background / Objective / Affected parties**

- Affected parties: Manufacturers and importers of chemicals in the EU. Companies based outside the EU are not bound by the REACH obligations. Even if they export the products to the customs territory of the European Union. The obligation to fulfill the requirements of REACH, for example registration, lies with importers based in the EU.
- Objective: Standardization of chemicals legislation in the EU. Increasing the level of knowledge about hazards and risks that can arise from chemicals.
- Background: Ensuring the free movement of goods in the EU with improved competitiveness and innovation. Ensuring the protection of human health and the environment.

### **Regulatory content**

- Registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals.
- Manufacturers and importers ("distributors") of chemicals that are manufactured or imported in quantities of > 1t per year are obliged to register with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).
- If the articles contain a "substance of very high concern" (SVHC), the manufacturer or importer must register it with the ECHA,
  - if the substance has not yet been registered for this use and
  - the substance is contained in the articles with more than 0.1% (w/w) and
  - the substance is used in more than 1 ton per year in these articles.
- Companies in the EU that purchase substances in the EU in order to use them as part of their commercial or industrial activities (e.g. new bottlers or end customers) are referred to as "downstream users" in the REACH Regulation. Downstream users are not subject to registration.

### **ECOMAL Statement**

- ECOMAL only deals in electronic components from reputable manufacturers.

- As a rule, substances in electronic components do not require registration, as the substances are not intentionally released when used as intended (Art. 7 REACH Regulation). For example, an electrolytic capacitor that can leak is not affected as it does not release a chemical as intended.
- In this respect, we would like to point out that no chemical substances are released from our products under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use.
- Our European suppliers are obliged to inform us of any ingredients if they are included in the current ECHA list of "substances of very high concern" (SVHC) and if they are present in the product in a concentration of more than 0.1% (mass percent).
- If such a "substance of very high concern" is contained in an electronic component in exceptional cases, we will pass this information on to customers to enable safe use.
- The REACH regulation stipulates an active information obligation if a product exceeds this SVHC mass concentration. Conversely, this means that the product is REACH compliant if you do not receive any other information from us. This procedure corresponds to the legally stipulated standard.
- We mainly source our products from European manufacturers and only in individual cases from non-European manufacturers.
- Manufacturers who are not based in the EU are not directly subject to the REACH information obligations. However, ECOMAL endeavors to ensure that they also provide information if an article contains an SVHC substance of more than 0.1% (mass percent).

The declarations of the manufacturers ECOMAL Group regarding registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals as well as the Code of Ethics of the ECOMAL Group are available via the following link: [Download | ECOMAL® - Electronic Components and Logistic](#)