

## THE EU Chemicals Directive 1907/2006 REACH

Dear Sir/Madam,

We appreciate your inquiry regarding the EU Chemicals Directive, Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, known as REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals).

As a distributor and/or importer of articles, including bolts, screws, nuts, and other fastener parts, Bossard NL takes its duties under the REACH Regulation very seriously. We understand the importance of compliance with REACH, particularly concerning Annex XVII and Article 33, which relate to restrictions on certain hazardous substances and the obligation to inform the supply chain about the presence of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).

Regarding Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation, we assure you that the products we supply either do not contain any of the substances listed or are used in a manner that complies with the restriction conditions of Annex XVII for the respective substance. Moreover, in alignment with Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, we are committed to informing the supply chain for all articles containing SVHCs above a threshold of 0.1% by weight. We require our suppliers to provide us with this critical information, ensuring transparency and safety throughout our distribution network.

It is essential to clarify that the responsibilities outlined in the REACH regulation, particularly concerning the safe use of chemicals, primarily apply to producers or importers like ourselves, rather than end-users. Bossard NL, as an importer and supplier of fasteners and tools, acknowledges its responsibilities under Article 33 of REACH, ensuring that our products meet the stringent requirements set forth by the regulation.

To date, we have no information indicating that any products supplied by us contain substances from the candidate list (SVHC-242) as of November 2024 in a manner that conflicts with the EU Chemicals Directive 1907/2006 REACH. We are committed to ongoing vigilance and adherence to REACH to ensure the safety and compliance of our products.

Kind regards,

Bossard NL  
Quality Management

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