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European REACH Regulation

HolyStone and the EU REACH Directive

REACH or Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals, is the EU directive that requires manufacturers and importers of chemicals and substances, with an annual usage of greater than 1 tonne per year, to register these chemicals and substances with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). REACH not only requires EU manufacturers and importers to register chemicals and substances but also to assess the risks related to those chemicals and substances with subsequent risk management measures.

It is the intention of REACH to restrict and control the use of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) to protect human health and the environment. The REACH directive applies to chemicals/substances on their own, in preparations or in articles. Substances in articles that have an intended release during normal operation or under reasonably foreseeable abnormal circumstances must also be registered if the annual substance quantity is greater than 1 tonne.

The European Commission clearly states that the REACH directive applies only to EU manufacturers. HolyStone is a non EU manufacturer of articles, and is not covered by REACH. HolyStone (Europe) Ltd is however an importer of articles that contain substances. The articles that HolyStone manufactures (Multi Layer Ceramic Capacitors and Single Layer Ceramic capacitors) do not have an intended release of substances during normal use. HolyStone is therefore not required to provide data on article composition by weight, for any of the chemical substances with the articles (capacitors).

Summary, HolyStone is a Taiwanese manufacturer of articles and exports into the EU. These articles do not release chemicals or substances during normal operation or reasonably foreseeable abnormal circumstances. There are no substances within the HolyStone articles that are included in the SVHC list. HolyStone is not required to register any chemicals or substances according to REACH with the European Chemicals Agency.

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