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**Statement on “substances of very high concern” (SVHC) according to the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**

Dear Sirs,

We thank you for your inquiry concerning our information obligations according to Art. 33 of the REACH-Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. REACH provides our company in the role of a “supplier of an article” with several obligations on giving and disseminating product information along the supply chain.

**Our information obligation according to art. 33 par. 1 REACH**

The products we supply are legally defined as articles under REACH. According to Art. 33 of the REACH-Regulation, any supplier of an article is obliged to provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use if any substance of the candidate list-SVHCs is contained in the articles supplied and the substance exceeds a concentration of 0.1 per cent in weight (w/w) of the article.

In applicable cases we will fulfil this obligation. We are keeping in close contact with our own suppliers to keep the information available to us up-to-date and until now, we have not received any information about candidate list-SVHCs contained in our products whatsoever. Therefore, we assume that (according to information available to us at this point) **our products do not contain any of the candidate list-SVHCs above the concentration limits set forth obliging us to inform recipients**. Changes regarding this issue would be advised to you according to laws and regulations.



## **REACH-implementation and REACH-processes in our company**

Leading research institutes and scientific networks permanently analyse the range of use for the substances included in the candidate list. According to these analysis for the time being, substances of very high concern for authorisation are unlikely to be included in our products.

We will inform you immediately about relevant changes to our products.

Sincerely,

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