

Update: Environmental

Subject: REACH Regulation Position

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Dear Valued Customers,

Ferraz Shawmut is committed to removing, reducing and complying with environmental and substance directives to limit environmental impact.

The REACH directive or **R**egistration **E**valuation **A**uthorization and restrictions of **C**hemicals is a European Union directive focusing on the registration by manufacturers who produce chemical substances used in the preparation of products (articles) themselves.

Ferraz Shawmut is considered a producer of articles (products) such as fuses, fuseholders, switches, and surge protection products. Each company must define their position in the supply chain using certain REACH definitions. As a company you are considered either a manufacturer, importer or downstream user of substances. By definition Ferraz Shawmut is a downstream user which are considered to be someone who uses a substance, either on their own or in preparation, or in the production of their products. The REACH directive does not require down stream users to register because they do not manufacture or import the chemicals in question.

Ferraz Shawmut has reviewed the list of very high concern chemicals (SVHC) and presently we do not purchase or use in the preparation or in the design of our products (articles) any of the said chemicals at all or above the directive concentration limits of 0.1% (by weight).

To further help our customers or suppliers a REACH navigator tool is available and will help in identifying your obligations under the REACH directive. The navigator can be found at http://echa.europa.eu/reach_en.asp and provide extensive REACH information.

Ferraz Shawmut, as a downstream user under the RECH directive, will continue to reduce our environmental footprint by looking at alternative materials while in the design process and work closer with our suppliers to update our material safety data sheets to ensure the safety of our people, customers and environment.

Sincerely

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