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POLICY STATEMENT

<u>SUBJECT: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).</u>

Following consultation with the UK Health and Safety Executive we have been advised as follows:

Under the regulations the products distributed by Challenge (Europe) Ltd are classified as 'articles.

Since we purchase these articles from within the EU either directly from manufacturers or from primary level importers there is no requirement for us to participate in the registration process, in fact we are specifically requested not to pre-register or register substances. The registration process is automatically the responsibility of the manufacturer or importer should the goods originate outside of the EU.

Challenge (Europe) Ltd does have a responsibility to enquire from our suppliers concerning the presence of SVHC's (Substances of Very High Concern) and to pass on any health and safety information (including Safety Data Sheets, as appropriate) that the manufacturer or importer publishes.

We closely monitor for any updates to the REACH directive listing and would advise that based upon the 211 SVHC's identified to date our understanding is that it is unlikely that any of the listed substances are contained within the 'articles' traded by us. Should this situation change, information will be provided, as appropriate, to our customer base.

We hope that this clarifies the situation, but should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

For and on behalf of Challenge (Europe) Ltd