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REACH list of banned substances

Dear customer

As a leading manufacturer of innovative retaining and fastening elements as well as cold formed parts, we have for some time been dealing in detail with the EU regulations for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), which came into force on June 1, 2007.

The timeline set by REACH provides for the pre-registration phase to end on November 30, 2008. The timeline for the subsequent registration is depending on the production volume and the hazard potential of the respective substances.

Under REACH, HEWI is solely a so-called downstream user. In this function, we are primarily reliant on the statements of our suppliers in order to plan our future course of action. As part of this planning we are in close contact with our suppliers to check on the availability of raw materials according to REACH.

For our products we use well-known, commercially available substances. We can therefore assume that our suppliers will also pre-register and subsequently register these substances for our use. However, it should be noted that a list of the categories of uses has not yet been finally adopted; negotiations are still ongoing. We would like to emphasise that some manufacturers and importers of chemicals still have to position themselves.

Nevertheless we understand the interest of our customers in receiving confirmation of the future availability of proven products. We therefore work together with our suppliers to ensure that we can continue to offer our products in the accustomed good quality to our customers.

After examination of our current company's register of hazardous substances, none of our products contain substances on the REACH banned list higher than 0.1% w/w.

Yours sincerely

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