

The REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) & Herga Technology Ltd

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals)

REACH came into force on 1st June 2007 and is the single biggest piece of chemical legislation implemented since the **EU** was founded; it replaces more than 40 pieces of legislation with a single, more streamlined, system that is managed by one Agency: **ECHA** (European Chemicals Agency). **REACH** applies to all chemicals thus products, that contain chemicals or where chemicals are used in the production process, are also affected (e.g. clothes, furniture, plastic parts, etc.).

The basic aims of **REACH** are to:

- provide a better level of protection, for health and the environment, from the risks posed by chemicals;
- make chemical producers – those who manufacture or import chemicals – responsible for understanding and managing the risks associated with their use;
- promote competitiveness in the EU chemicals industry, to ensure the free circulation of substances within the EU, and to promote alternative methods of hazard assessment.

In order to bring this about, **REACH** sets a number of deadlines and responsibilities that chemical producers must comply with if they intend to manufacture chemicals in (or import them into) the **EU**.

Herga Technology Ltd does not produce or import chemicals nor are any of our products designed to emit/release chemicals in any part of their life-cycle; **Herga** is thus exempt from the registration and notification requirements of **REACH**. **Herga** does intend that, by the appropriate deadlines, any chemicals used in our products will have been registered by an upstream supplier. **Herga** is a producer of 'articles' as defined by Article 3(3) of the **REACH** Regulation:

an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than its chemical composition

Herga is thus required only to communicate information to customers on the presence of **SVHC** (Substances of Very High Concern) in concentrations above 0.1% in the 'articles' supplied, once **Herga** has become aware of the presence a **SVHC** (Article 33 of the **REACH** Regulation).

Herga continually checks with suppliers as to whether the parts supplied to us contain any **SVHC** as listed on the **REACH** Candidate list. Currently some Herga products that contain tubing and/or cable may contain **DEHP**; **Herga** is in the process of substituting these materials. Customers should contact **Herga** (see below) about individual products. In the event that a chemical is restricted or no longer available and a product is affected, **Herga** will notify the relevant customers at the earliest opportunity and do our utmost to supply an alternative.

Herga Technology Ltd has implemented a single point of contact for customers with any queries about **REACH** and the products they source from us:

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