

## REACH DECLARATION – FEB 2021

Direct Components is an independent distributor of electronics components and is therefore a 'supplier of articles'. We understand our obligations under REACH in our role as "Supplier" of articles.

Under the terms of the REACH regulations, the electronic components that we distribute (primarily semiconductors, passive products and electromechanical parts are referred to as 'Articles' as defined in REACH 3(3).

As there is no intended release of substances from the products sold by Direct, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, we have no need to register our activities with ECHA. We are not considered a manufacturer or downstream user of the products.

Chemicals used in the components or the manufacturing of components sold by Direct are used at the discretion of the manufacturer and the relevant requirements of the REACH Regulation remain the responsibility of the manufacturer.

Direct Components does not intend to register any substances as we do not sell substances, preparations nor articles containing any substances that are intended to be released at any time. Therefore, registration is not required.

Once a substance is added to the SVHC Candidate List, the EU REACH Regulation imposes immediate obligations on manufacturers and importers to declare the substances if present. The ECHA candidate list was updated with additional substances for the REACH regulation from 201 SVHCs to 205 SVHCs on 16th January 2020. Article 33(1) of the REACH Regulation states that manufacturers and importers of articles (products) are required to notify their customers of the presence of any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in their products exceeding 0.1% by weight and provide instructions on safe use of the product.

We are aware of our responsibility to pass-on pertinent information relating to the manufacture of these devices, when communicated to us by the component manufacturers themselves or suppliers and commit to abide by this request to the best of our ability. We request that all our suppliers provide declarations on parts purchased where appropriate.

We will monitor all further obligations with regards to Annex XIV (the "Candidate list") and Annex XVII ("Restriction of Substances").

Information on REACH SVHC (January 2020) articles general

Complete knowledge of the presence of these substances can be found on the ECHA website (European Chemicals Agency)

<https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/understanding-reach>

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