

## REACH DECLARATION

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Dear Customer,

The European Chemicals Regulation REACH (1907/2006/CE) entered into force on 1st of June 2007 and deals with the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals all over the European Union (EU). The REACH regulation defines the obligations for the importers, manufacturers, sellers and users of chemicals in EU. Socomec manufactures and sells electrical and electronic equipments in EU and is consequently within the scope of the REACH regulation.

Socomec is determined to provide solutions with the strictest respect for environmental principles. This is why Socomec joined in 2003 the United Nations "Global Compact" initiative that aims to tackle the social and environmental challenges of globalization.

To be in compliance with the REACH requirements is a priority for Socomec. Socomec is fully aware of its obligations according to REACH and makes its best efforts to implement all necessary actions to comply with these requirements.

### *Roles and Obligations of Socomec resulting from the REACH regulation*

All the products provided by Socomec are to be considered as articles. Therefore, according to the article 33<sup>1</sup> of the REACH regulation, Socomec is obliged to inform the recipient of the presence of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in a concentration above 0,1% weight by weight (w/w) in any article they receive.

Within its manufacturing activities of articles, Socomec uses preparations and articles provided by suppliers. According to the REACH regulation, Socomec is identified as a downstream user and has the obligation to be informed of the presence of SVHC's in a concentration above 0,1% w/w.

### *No registration obligations of substances contained in articles*

The Socomec products do not contain substances intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. Therefore, the duty to register substances contained in articles at the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) does not apply to Socomec.

Moreover, Socomec is neither a manufacturer nor an importer of substances. Consequently, in accordance with the REACH requirements, there's no duty for Socomec to register substances, to classify substances or to deliver safety data sheets.

<sup>1</sup>Any supplier of an article containing a substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w) shall provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article including, as a minimum, the name of that substance.

### *REACH Declaration*

All actions and processes have been implemented to guarantee the compliance of Socomec with the REACH regulation:

1. Designation of a REACH Coordinator responsible for the implementation of the REAH project throughout the group and for the development of an effective communication with suppliers, customers and internal departments about REACH requirements.
2. Strict respect of the usage instructions of preparations as specified in the safety data sheets.
3. The relationships with suppliers have been strengthened. Socomec makes its best efforts in order to make sure that its suppliers identify their obligations according to REACH and that they implement all necessary actions to comply with.  
These actions allow Socomec to prevent obsolescence and ensure continued availability of finished goods.
4. Communication with Customer and suppliers  
In order to support the suppliers in consolidating the required data's, Socomec provides the necessary documentation to help the suppliers to understand their obligations and the means to comply to them. Socomec undertakes to provide its customers with the best information collected by Socomec, regarding the potential presence of SVHC in its products.
5. Periodically monitor all new developments and obligations with regards to Annex XIV, XV and XVII on the ECHA website.

### *REACH Compliance of Socomec Products*

To the best of our knowledge based on the declarations obtained from our suppliers at the publication date of this document, the substances included in the candidate list<sup>2</sup> to authorization (SVHC) are not present in the products we provide you to a concentration above 0,1% w/w.

The statement given above may be amended in particular in case our suppliers provide us with new information about their compliance.

In case any new SVHC is identified in the products we provide you above the threshold of 0,1% by weight, we will take all necessary actions to inform you.

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<sup>2</sup>SVHC reference list: candidate list published on January 2018