



Dear Customer

On June 1, 2007, the European Commission promulgated new legislation that covers the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemical within the European Union community. This new regulation is commonly known as REACH, an acronym for **Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals**.

The first stage in the regulatory process under REACH is the pre-registration of chemical substances that are either manufactured or imported in quantities of greater than one metric ton per year. The pre-registration period commences in June 2008 and expires December 1st 2008. This is followed by a stepped registration period that stems from 2010-2018 for these substances with the newly created European Chemical Agency.

AVX supports the underlying goals of REACH, which are consistent with our own commitment to promote the responsible manufacturing, use and handling of chemicals. We are in contact with all suppliers to AVX and will meet the pre-registration deadline for all chemical substances in quantities greater than one metric ton.

AVX understands the critical nature of our supply chain and can assure you that there will not be any disruptions in the continued delivery of our products. AVX will seamlessly transition through this process as we have in the past with other similar legislation.

Additionally, after careful review of the legislation and specifically the definition of an “article” as defined in EC Regulation 1907/2006, Title II, Chapter 1, Article 7.1(a)(b), it is AVX’s current view that the products AVX sells to you would be considered as “articles”. However, in light of the definition in § 7.1(b) which requires registration of an article only if it contains a regulated substance that **“is intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use,”** AVX’s analysis is that such products constitute non-registrable articles for their intended and anticipated use.

Should you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lblue@avxus.com or (843)946-0395.

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