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Pickering Group REACH (EC) 1907/2006 Statement

REACH (EC) 1907/2006 is a European Union regulation that affects the supply and use of substances. It came into operation on 1st June 2007 and replaced a number of European Directives and Regulations with a single system.

REACH applies to substances manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities of 1 tonne per year or more. Generally, it applies to all individual chemical substances on their own, in preparations or in articles where the substance is deliberately released from an object during use.

Details can be found on the European Chemical Agency website: <u>Information on Chemicals -</u> <u>ECHA (europa.eu)</u> and on the UK HSE website: <u>http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/about.html</u>.

The main aims of the REACH are to: -

- To provide a high level of protection of human health and the environment from the use of chemicals.
- To make manufacturers and importers who place chemicals on the market responsible for understanding and managing the risks associated with their use.

Pickering Group is aware of its obligations under the REACH Regulation and strives to avoid producing articles that require the use of any of the SVHC's (Substances of Very High Concern) for the benefit of its customers and the environment.

Pickering subsidiaries do not produce or import chemical substances in excess of 1 tonne/year.

Pickering Group actively evaluates its supply chain and will update its declaration to reflect any changes required for continued compliance. Only REACH compliant items are purchased from approved suppliers who takes steps to ensure the supply chain is compliant.

Pickering Group can provide a REACH statement upon request for specific parts.

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