

REACH STATEMENT

The *European Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006* and the *UK The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020* concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), aims to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment by laying down provisions that apply to the manufacture, placing on the market or use of substances on their own, in mixtures or in articles. Under the Regulation, manufacturers, importers and downstream users have the responsibility to ensure that they manufacture, place on the market or use such substances that do not adversely affect human health or the environment.

The EU REACH Regulation was brought into UK law on 1 January 2021. The key principles of the EU REACH Regulation have been retained. The UK REACH process for identifying SVHCs is similar to the EU REACH process and Prysmian UK is taking actions to comply with the Downstream User Notification requirements, where applicable, before 28th October 2021.

Prysmian Group use substances (as raw materials) in:

- Articles, not intentionally releasing substances, e.g. most of Prysmian manufactured energy and telecommunications cables, cable accessories including connectivity and optical fibre.
- Mixtures (preparations), e.g. compounds.

Article 7(2) of both Regulations sets the requirement for any producer or importer of articles to notify the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) – for EU REACH – or the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) – for UK REACH- if a substance meets the criteria in Article 57, so it is included in *Annex XIV - List Of Substances Subject To Authorisation (*)* and identified in accordance with Article 59(1), if both the following conditions are met:

- (a) the substance is present in those articles in quantities totalling over one tonne per producer or importer per year;
- (b) the substance is present in those articles above a concentration of 0,1% weight by weight (w/w).

** This list is also known as "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)".*

Prysmian Group hereby confirms that the vast majority of our products DO NOT contain any of the SVHC's published in the latest issue of the Candidate List on 19th January 2021 (EU REACH).

It should be emphasised, however, that Lead (CAS No 7439-92-1) was added to the Candidate List on 27th June 2018; Only a small number of Prysmian articles for use in high voltage applications (lead sheathed power cables and some cable accessories) may be impacted as they may contain a concentration level greater than the specified limit of 0.1% (w/w) or we buy more than a tonne of the substance per year. Please reach out to cables.marketing.uk@prysmiangroup.com, should you require further information on these specific articles; Prysmian Group will provide SVHC information on a case-by-case basis.



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