

REACH COMPLIANCE

(Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals)

The European REACH Directive (DR/1907/2006EC) has a significant impact on all manufacturers and importers of chemical substances in the European Union.

As Smith & McLaurin are neither a manufacturer nor importer of chemical substances, it is regarded as a “Downstream user” and will not be pre-registering any substances itself. We have taken the necessary steps to make sure that all of our suppliers are aware of their obligations under REACH.

Since REACH became law in June 2007 we have not received any negative comments from any of our suppliers regarding future registration. If we do receive any such information that might affect any product supplied to your company, we will immediately be in touch.

The REACH Directive also includes a list of Substances of Very High Concern (209 SVHC). We have received information regarding these substances from all of our suppliers. We are able to confirm that the majority finished products supplied by Bondline Electronics do not knowingly contain in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) any SVHC in the Candidate list published by European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) or Annex XIV of the REACH regulation (1907/2006/EC) – including list update **June 25th 2020**

The exceptions to this are

1. “Non Resistant” Thermal papers/tags including the name 953, 963 or 983. These grades contain the chemical 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol (CAS 80-05-7) also known as Bisphenol A (BPA) in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w). A full list of affected grades is listed in the attached (Appendix 1).
2. Self adhesive products containing the adhesive CWW20. This adhesive contains (NPEO) Nonyl Phenol Ethoxylate (CAS 68412-54-4) in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w). A full list of affected grades is listed in the attached (Appendix)

The substances added to the SVHC Candidate List effective June 25, 2020 are shown in the table below:

1-vinylimidazole	214-012-0	1072-63-5	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	In formulations and as a monomer in the production of polymers
2-methylimidazole	211-765-7	693-98-1	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	As a catalyst in the production of coating products
Dibutylbis(pentane-2,4-dionato-O,O')tin	245-152-0	22673-19-4	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	As a catalyst and as an additive in the production of plastics
Butyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (Butylparaben)	202-318-7	94-26-8	Endocrine disrupting properties - human health (Article 57(f) – human health)	Cosmetics, personal care products and pharmaceuticals

The presence of a candidate substance has currently no direct legal impact on the production, nor the placing on the market of products, mentioned in the Appendices.

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