



REACH Compliance Statement

In December 2006, the European Union adopted a new regulatory framework concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (EC No. 1907/2006, "EU REACH").

The aim of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances introduced into the supply chain.

Under the REACH regulations Printed Circuit Boards are defined as "articles" and are subject to the REACH requirements applicable to "articles".

The regulations place a legal obligation on suppliers to inform their customers if the "articles" they supply contain any of the substances listed in the REACH "Candidate List" of Substances of Very High Concern ("SVHC") in concentrations greater than 0.1% w/w. They must also name the SVHCs contained.

Since Britain's exit from the European Union in 2019, EU REACH is no longer a legal requirement for companies in non-EU member states that only supply products to non-EU member states. Companies from non-EU member states that supply into the EU still need to disclose the information as before.

In addition, in 2019 the UK passed into law the "REACH etc. (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019" ("UK REACH"). These regulations place the same duties on companies as EU REACH, although the two "Candidate Lists" have diverged and are now different, so disclosure duties under the two sets of parallel regulations may be different.

In pursuance of compliance with both EU and UK REACH, Garner Osborne Circuits Ltd (GOC) undertakes to determine the presence of EU SVHCs and/or UK SVHCs and notify our customers in accordance with the disclosure duties. We therefore confirm that we comply with EU REACH and UK REACH.

Both Candidate Lists are subject to periodic amendment and GOC will review statements made to customers at each up-issue of a Candidate List in order to ensure ongoing compliance.

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