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## To our customers

### Information regarding Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) defines different requirements for the actors in the supply chain.

Quaestum manufactures articles but does not produce chemical substances or mixtures. As a "downstream user" in the sense of the regulation (Art. 3, 13) Quaestum neither has the duty nor the possibility to register substances. As far as registration is required, this was done by our suppliers.

Annex XIV of the regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) lists the substances that may only be used with authorisation granted. Before a substance is added to annex XIV it is taken up in the "candidate list" and identified as "substance of very high concern" (SVHC). The most recent candidate list is available online: <https://echa.europa.eu/de/candidate-list-table>

**▲** Please note that the use of substances qualified as SVHC is still allowed without restrictions. Between the uptake of a substance in annex XIV and the start of the authorisation requirement (so called "Sunset Date") there is a transition period of several years.

The last addition to the list of candidates took place on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021; since this last update, 211 substances are on the candidate list. According to article 33 of the REACH regulation, an information obligation exists if SVHC in a concentration above 0.1% by mass is included in the article.

Substances subject to authorization are listed in annex XIV of the REACH regulation. The latest addition to annex XIV was made by the EU Commission with regulation (EU) No 2017/999 (last update January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021). Our products do not contain any substances listed in Annex XIV in concentrations above 0.1% by mass.

For articles that contain a SVHC above 0.1% weight proportion the duty to communicate information according to article 33 applies. Every supplier of such an article must provide the recipient at least with the name of the substance as long as no other information necessary for safe use are available to the supplier.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 lead (CAS 7439-92-2) was added to the REACH candidate list. This SVHC is contained above 0,1% by mass in several HF-connectors, if sold as single item. If in contrast these parts are sold as part of a cable assembly usually the 0.1% limit is not exceeded, since the connectors add only a small share to the weight of a cable assembly.

If the relevant HF-connectors are sold as single item RoHS exemption 6c respectively ELV exemption 31 is applied. For more information to a specific product please contact us: [compliance@quaestum.de](mailto:compliance@quaestum.de)

To the actual knowledge and based on information from the suppliers no article of our suppliers contains substances listed in REACH annex XIV and annex XVII above the threshold defined in these annexes.



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