

## **REACH Declaration**

The European Union's REACH legislation entered into force on 1st June 2007 to streamline and improve the former legislative framework for chemicals in the European Union (EU). REACH regulates substances (chemicals) including substances in preparations (mixtures) and substances in products (articles).

Under REACH electronic components, circuit boards, circuit board assemblies, and electronic assemblies are considered to be "Articles." Per ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) an article is "an object, which during production is given a special shape, surface, or design that determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition." Per this definition Standard Printed Circuits, Inc. is considered to be a producer of "Articles."

Producers of "Articles" need to be concerned about 2 conditions: Substances contained in "Articles" when "they are intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use". For example – Aerosol spray can that contains paint. The substances contained in electronic components and/or assemblies are usually not emitted under normal use and therefore will not have to be registered.

"Articles" containing SVHCs (Substances of Very High Concern) must be registered if they contain any SVHC in concentrations greater than 0.1% of "Article" weight.

Under REACH, registration of substances which are used for manufacturing of articles, do not apply to Standard Printed Circuits, Inc.'s operations.

Standard Printed Circuits, Inc.'s products are "articles" as defined in REACH Article 3(3) and do not release substances under their normal use. Suppliers of articles must provide recipients with information on Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) if those are present above a concentration limit of 0.1% on an article level.

Standard Printed Circuits, Inc. products do not contain any of the listed SVHC's. Standard Printed Circuits, Inc. will continue to work with our suppliers to ensure that all SVHC's are notified to the European Chemicals Agency, if necessary, to comply with the REACH requirement.

Standard Printed Circuits, Inc. assures its customers that our products are in full compliance of the EU REACH requirement.