

## **Bourns REACH Efforts**

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As of June 2007, the European Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) entered into force. REACH will have significant implications for manufacturers, importers and downstream users for a wide range of chemicals.

As a downstream user of chemical substances, Bourns is fully aware of the requirements of REACH. We are working with our suppliers to confirm their intent to pre-register or register pertinent substances used in Bourns various product lines. It is our objective to fully comply with REACH securing the dependable supply of our products to our customers.

Now that the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) was published on the website of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in October 2008 and December 2009, we continue to confirm with our suppliers that no SVHCs are present in the materials we use to manufacture our products (articles). This is an ongoing process as new materials and models are frequently being introduced into Bourns' many product lines. Based on our knowledge of the materials we use and the information from our suppliers to date, we do not anticipate the presence of any of the currently listed SVHCs in our products. If it is determined that any of our products contain SVHC, notification procedures per REACH requirements will be followed.

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