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Dear Customer,

In the past few months many new questions have come up regarding the European Union (EU) directive, REACH. This directive is in addition to and separate from RoHS. REACH stands for, Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals. Under this directive, chemicals being imported into Europe at 1 ton per year or more will need to be registered through the European Chemical Agency (ECHA). During the period between June 1, 2008 and December 1, 2008 importers had an opportunity to pre-register chemicals which will allow the EU to collect data. From this data a Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) were selected for Authorization. Substances that appear on the Authorization List can, after a transition period only be used if a specific authorization is granted. There are currently 29 substances on the Candidate list. *There is currently no list of restricted chemicals under REACH.*

On March 8, 2010 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published a proposal to identify eight new chemicals as SVHC and possible candidates for authorization.


Isola does not sell chemicals, as defined by REACH, to our customer's. According to the REACH directive Section 3, no 3, Isola's laminates and pre-preg, as sold to our customers, are considered articles that do not require registration. REACH Section 3, no 3 defines a product as an Article as a product which during the fabrication process obtains a specific form, surface, or build which is more important to the customer application (Multi-Layer production process) than the chemical structure for this function.

Isola further certifies that none of its products contain any of the 29 substances on the Candidate List nor the 8 new Substances of Very High Concern (New Press Release ECHA/PR/10/03, March 8th 2010) at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ (w/w).

Isola has no requirement to register or pre-register any of our products as sold to our customers, in accordance with REACH. Isola is committed to ensuring environmental compliance globally and will continue to stay informed of changes to the REACH directive and comply as necessary.

More information about REACH can be found on the ECHA website, including a guidance document on articles: <http://ec.europa.eu/echa>

Sincerely,



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