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Subject: REACH Statement and Timeline

The new EU chemicals regulation REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) came into effect June 1, 2007. REACH requires that all existing and new substances be registered with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). In keeping with our health, safety and environmental philosophy, KEMET supports the REACH objectives of protecting the health and safety of employees, customers, the public and the environment.

KEMET is working very closely with suppliers to ensure that all raw material substances that we purchase were pre-registered and will be registered in accordance with published timelines. This will ensure continuity of our business and that of our customers.

REACH legislation requires that manufacturers notify customers of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) contained in articles in excess of 0.1% by weight. The first candidate list of SVHC was published October 28th, 2008. Additional substances will be added over time. In the event of a SVHC present in one of our products, KEMET will notify customers as required.

REACH Timeline	
June 2007	Reach Legislation enters into force
June 1, 2008	Pre-registration of phase in substances starts
November 30, 2008	Pre-registration of phase in substances ends
October 28, 2008	First Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) published. Subsequent lists to follow.
June 1, 2011	ECHA notification of substances in articles (Article 7)
December 31, 2018	Substance Registration Deadline for phase in substances.
SVHC Publish Date	KEMET will notify customers of any SVHC contained in products they purchase.