

**REACH is an acronym for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals. It came into force on 1st June 2007 and replaced a number of European Directives and Regulations with a single system.**

REACH applies to substances manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities of 1 tonne or more per year. Generally, it applies to all individual chemical substances on their own, in preparations or in articles (if the substance is intended to be released during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use from an article).

Central Cables are importers and distributors of products that qualify as articles in the REACH regulations; we are therefore not required to register these products. As the products we supply under normal conditions are not intended to release substances we are not required to submit a registration for the chemical substances contained in these articles.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) maintains a Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). As of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Candidate List of substances of very high concern now contains 223 chemicals that may harm people or the environment. If any substance included on the Candidate list is present in excess of 0.1% by weight in any Central Cables article this will be communicated to concerned customers, as required by REACH, and replacement of the material containing the substance will be considered.

We will continue to monitor our supply chain and the ECHA Candidate List of SVHC to ensure that all products supplied by Central Cables are fully compliant to the REACH regulations.

**More information regarding REACH is available on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) website: [www.echa.europa.eu](http://www.echa.europa.eu)**

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