

*REACH is the European Community Regulation on chemicals and their safe use (EC 1907/2006).*

*It deals with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical substances.*

*This initiative is aimed to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the Safe usage of chemical substances contained within preparations and articles.*

Dear Customer:

Ames Rubber Manufacturing Company, Inc. supports the objectives of REACH which are consistent with our own commitment to promote the responsible manufacturing, use, and handling of chemicals in all Ames Rubber Manufacturing products. This revised REACH statement from Ames Rubber Manufacturing incorporates the **235 substances** currently on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) list.

The official Candidate List of (SVHC) for Authorization is posted on the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) website:

<https://www.echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

Under the structure of the REACH regulation, the products that are provided by Ames Rubber Manufacturing (manufactured at multiple locations), meet the definition of an “article” as defined in EC Regulation 1907/2006, Title II, Chapter 1, Article 7.1 (a) & (b). We do not manufacture or supply “substances” or “preparations” and our articles do not involve the “intentional release of substances under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use”. Accordingly, we would expect no registration or pre-registration requirement for the products we supply to you. In addition, we have not been informed by any of our suppliers of any raw material withdrawals concerning these products.

- Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) listed by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) are not intentionally or knowingly added to Ames Rubber Manufacturing products (articles), during manufacture and do not contain (SVHC) above the threshold value declared as per the European Chemical Agency (ECHA).
- Ames Rubber Manufacturing monitors the substances of very high concern (SVHCs), as defined by REACH in our products. This is an on-going process since the complete list of SVHCs is being released in stages.
- Based on the material content certifications provided by our qualified suppliers, our products **do not contain** any of the substances on the list of (SVHC) in a concentration greater than 0.1% by weight (**235 substances as of 06/14/2023**).
- Ames Rubber Manufacturing flows down this requirement for compliance reporting for all purchased materials/components from our suppliers through Quality Provisions that are a part of the standard Ames Rubber Manufacturing Purchase Order.
- We do not test for trace amounts of these substances, and none of our materials were analyzed by Ames Rubber Manufacturing for content.
- We will continue to work with our suppliers to identify any (SVHC) components contained in the materials procured for use in manufacturing Ames Rubber Manufacturing products. Customers will be notified if any (SVHC) use is determined.

**This declaration confirms that to the best of our knowledge, all products manufactured and sold by Ames Rubber Manufacturing do not contain any of the (SVHC) shown in the official Candidate List in amounts greater than 0.1%.**

Best regards,

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