



STATEMENT REGARDING REACH Semiconductor Devices

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To our valued customers:

The European Union's REACH Directive¹, among other things, requires EU manufacturers and EU importers to determine if they must: 1) register certain substances with the European Chemicals Agency ("ECHA"), 2) notify ECHA regarding certain substances, or 3) communicate to customers that certain substances are present in the materials ("articles" and "preparations") they manufacture or import into the European Union.

The regulations and associated guidance for REACH continue to evolve and Microchip Technology Inc. and the semiconductor industry have been evaluating the REACH Directive and associated guidance in order to better disseminate the information throughout the supply chain. Microchip's compliance efforts include an evaluation process for our products, which requires engineering analysis, third party testing, and other information or documents provided by the manufacturer or distributor of raw materials or by subcontract assemblers of Microchip's semiconductor devices. Because our evaluation includes reliance on third party information, data, and testing, we cannot verify to a certainty the accuracy of such third party information. But with that limitation in mind, we can provide the following information to our customers:

1. Registration with ECHA: When assessing REACH requirements for registration, EU manufacturers and EU importers are required to evaluate their articles to determine whether a prescribed exposure to chemicals exists. Registration of substances in articles is required where: a) substances are intended to be released from the produced or imported articles during normal and reasonably foreseeable conditions of use; and b) the total amount of substance present in the articles with intended releases produced and/or imported by that actor exceeds 1 ton per year per producer or importer. As of the date above, there are no known or intended releases of chemical substances under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions from the use of Microchip's semiconductor devices in electronic products. Therefore, Microchip is not subject to any registration requirements under Articles 7(1) and 7(5) of REACH for its semiconductor devices.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach_intro.htm



2. Notification with ECHA: Separate from the registration requirement above, the REACH Directive requires EU manufacturers and EU importers of certain substances to notify ECHA regarding each substance that is: a) a Substance of Very High Concern ("SVHC"), as published by ECHA in October of 2008, present above a concentration threshold of 0.1% of the weight of the article; and b) imported in quantities of one (1) metric ton or more per year. Exemptions and other conditions can play into the analysis. As of the date above, none of Microchip's semiconductor devices have greater than 0.1% weight over weight of any of the 15 SVHC. Microchip does not import more than one metric ton of any of the 15 SVHC into the European Union in any given year. Therefore, the notification requirements under Article 7(2) of REACH are not applicable to Microchip for its semiconductor devices.

3. Communication to Customers: Lastly, REACH also imposes communication requirements on EU manufactures and EU importers to their customers regarding the existence of SVHC if present above a concentration threshold of 0.1% of the weight of the preparation or article. As of the date above, none of Microchip's semiconductor devices have greater than 0.1% weight over weight of any of the 15 SVHC. Therefore, Microchip has no communication requirements to its customers under Article 33 of REACH for its semiconductor devices.

Microchip's commitment to be in compliance with the REACH Directive and communicate that compliance to our customers will continue with evolution of the REACH regulations.

For information regarding the exclusive, limited warranties applicable to Microchip products, please see Microchip's standard terms and conditions of sale, which are printed on our sales documentation and available at www.microchip.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dave Lambert'.

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