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To Whom it May Concern

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## European Regulation on Chemicals (REACH) - Relevance to products supplied by KOA

Dear Customer,

The European Regulation REACH (**R**egistration, **E**valuation, and **A**uthorization of **C**hemicals) came into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment and for increasing the international competitiveness of European chemical industries. Chemicals are:

- **Substances** (e.g. benzol)

It's a chemical element or its compound obtained in the natural conditions or in some production processes. It includes any additive required to sustain its stability and any impurity generated in employed process.

- **Preparations** (e.g. ink cartridge)

It's a mixture or a solution consisting of two or more substances.

- **Articles** (e.g. mobile phone)

It's an object of which function is definitely determined by a particular shape, surface or design given in the manufacturing process rather than by its chemical composition.

The business that manufactures or imports chemicals (substances, preparations or articles) in the European Community is required to register and evaluate such chemicals. It has to have an authorization for a substance of very high concern (SVHC) and is subjected to prohibition or other disposition for a "highly dangerous substance".

KOA imports articles to the European Community. For articles a registration is required, if

- A SVHC is present in the article above a concentration of 0.1wt% and
- the SVHC is present in the article in quantities totalling over 1 ton per year.

If the SVHC is present in the article in quantities smaller than 1 ton per year, the customer has to be informed about this matter.

KOA is not using a substance, which is listed in the Candidate List of SVHC from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) dated 29 October 2008.

  
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