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Dear Tyco Electronics Customer:

In response to your inquiry regarding Tyco Electronics' activities relative to **REACH**, the European Union Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, and Authorisation of Chemicals, please be advised of the following:

#### Awareness and focus

Tyco Electronics is fully aware of the European REACH regulation and has dedicated programs and resources to deal with all legislative requirements and business continuity concerns related to REACH.

#### Registration of Substances

Although Tyco Electronics is principally a supplier of articles which do not require registration, we have completed the process of contacting our suppliers of "substances, preparations, and articles" to ensure that all necessary pre-registration/registration requirements are being complied with in the required timescales. This effort extends to all materials used by Tyco Electronics that are within the scope of REACH and with regard to the applications in which the materials are used in our products. Tyco Electronics is engaged in the registration process for those few substances where we are either manufacturer or importer.

#### Ongoing supply of our products

As a result of the above mentioned efforts, we expect that REACH will not interfere with the supply of materials used in Tyco Electronics' products and that there will be no interruption in the supply of Tyco Electronics' products to our customers.

#### Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs)

In October 2008 the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) published a first list of 15 substances that are under consideration for inclusion in Annex XV as Substances of Very High Concern. We have essentially completed the assessment of our products against this list and have found that the vast majority do not contain any of these SVHCs. We have added this REACH "compliance" information to our Statements of Compliance for our products which can be found on the website below.

Tyco Electronics is aware that in September 2009, ECHA has identified a second list of 15 substances that are currently under review for possible publication as an SVHC Candidate List. We have begun the process of assessing our products against this proposed SVHC list and we again expect that only a small percentage of our products may be impacted. As the list is formally adopted in coming months and we complete our product assessments, this REACH "compliance" status will also be added to our Statements of Compliance.

*Be assured that, if any Substance of Very High Concern is identified in any of our products above the threshold of 0.1% by weight, Tyco Electronics will take all necessary actions to make the required **notification** to our customers.*

For additional information regarding Tyco Electronics Product Compliance initiatives, please visit our Customer Support Center at [www.tycoelectronics.com/customer-support/rohssupportcenter](http://www.tycoelectronics.com/customer-support/rohssupportcenter).

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact your Tyco Electronics Sales Engineer.

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