

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Legrand Group has over many years built up an active policy on Sustainable Development. In accordance with this policy we take responsibility for the substances, preparations and articles we use and place on the market. We have therefore taken the REACH* obligations into account and are implementing the necessary measures for compliance:

As a downstream user we work alongside our suppliers to ensure that we use substances and preparations which have been pre-registered and will be registered within the specified deadlines under REACH.

As a producer of articles we must fulfil the legal obligation to communicate information on the substances included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)¹ which are present in our articles (article 33.1² REACH).

Beyond this duty of transparency, as part of its active and forward-thinking policy, the Legrand Group is committed as follows:

■ 1. Existing products:

As new substances are included in the Candidate List of SVHC, we need to systematically examine the possibility to substitute the raw materials and articles in which these substances are present and do this each time a substitute solution is both technically and economically viable.

■ 2. New products:

The use of raw materials and articles in which substances included in the Candidate List of SVHC are present must be banned each time a substitute solution is both technically and economically viable.

Yours Faithfully

* As a matter of interest, REACH involves all actors of the supply chain, from production through to use of the substances, whether on their own or as part of preparations or articles. It aims to improve awareness of the impact of chemical substances on human health and the environment (substances manufactured in or imported into the European Union), to manage the risks posed by chemicals and provide appropriate safety information to their users, to restrict or to prohibit their use if appropriate.

¹ Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC): The list of substances of very high concern that are candidates for authorisation. This list is made available on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) website at: http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp

² Article 33.1: Any supplier of an article containing a substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) shall provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the article including, as a minimum, the name of that substance.

