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REACH STATEMENT

REACH is a new European Union (EU) regulation on chemicals and the safe use of products.

It deals with the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals and became effective on 1st June 2007.

The main objectives of REACH are

- To reduce the risk from chemicals to humans and the environment
- To encourage substitution of unsafe substances
- To reduce animal testing
- Restrict or require authorization for substances of very high concern

REACH covers all substances; on their own, in preparations and in articles, and puts the responsibility on industry to provide safety information and to properly manage the risks arising from their use.

Under the REACH Regulations, manufacturers and importers have a duty to register substances, preparations and in some instances articles, i.e. if they are designed to release substances and their use.

REACH and Electroplating

Electroplated components are defined as Articles in the REACH regulations and will not need to be registered unless they are designed to release a substance, or the article contains a substance of very high concern. If your articles are designed to release the finish that we have applied, please let us know, as you may need to register them.

A Note on Substances of Very High Concern: On October 2008, the European Chemicals Agency proposed an initial list of Substances of Very High Concern. Article 33.1 of the REACH regulation states that 'manufacturers and importers of articles (products) are required to notify their customers of the presence of any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in their products exceeding 0.1% by weight.' At this time Gilligan's does not supply any products to our customers that require registration with REACH.



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