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## **GENERAL CABLE IN THE FACE OF THE REACH DIRECTIVE**

The European REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) Directive was passed by the European Parliament in December 2006 and came into force in June 2007. This directive is applicable to all the chemical substances that are manufactured and/or marketed in the EU.

General Cable is affected by different aspects of this directive:

- As a manufacturer of electric cables, the cables that we market are considered as articles in accordance with the definition of the REACH regulation (see attached document published by FACEL, the Association of manufacturers of electric cables) and therefore they do not have to undergo the pre-registration and registration process. Under this aspect our obligation is focused on ensuring that the suppliers that make up our supply chain have pre-registered the chemical substances making up the raw materials with which they supply us and that they will carry out the registration for our use. In this respect we are in permanent contact with our suppliers to guarantee this point and take the appropriate measures in each case.
- As importers of raw materials from outside the European Union we have proceeded to pre-register all those substances whose manufacturers were not interested in doing so. As these substances are used as raw materials for the preparation of our products, we thus guarantee their supply and hence the possibility of manufacturing the entire product range.
- As a manufacturer which consumes raw materials with substances included on the so-called SVHC list, General Cable's obligation is at present to inform our customers of the products that we market which contain more than 0.1% of these substances. In this respect, General Cable has published a list of products which currently come within this requirement. As this list is subject to continuous modifications, either due to the inclusion of new substances by the EU or to the developments carried out in General Cable to eliminate these substances from our manufacturing process, this updated list can be consulted on our website.

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- As a marketer of products manufactured by other companies, we have contacted our suppliers so that they can inform us whether the products with which they supply us contain more than 0.1% in weight of any of the substances included on the SVHC list. The information received is also maintained updated on our website.

In the event of needing more information in this respect, you can contact us through our sales representative at C/Casanova 150, 08036 Barcelona-Spain (Tel. +34 93 227 97 00) or on our website [www.generalcable.es](http://www.generalcable.es).

## **INSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATION IN RELATION TO CIRCULATION OF REACH LEGISLATION**

### **I- BACKGROUND**

As is already well known and has been reported by FACEL, on 1 June 2007 Regulation 1907/2006, of 18 December, on the "REGISTRATION, EVALUATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF CHEMICALS – REACH" came into force in Spain and throughout the EU.

### **II- OBJECTIVE AND CONTENTS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION**

FACEL, the Spanish Association of Manufacturers of Electric and Optical Fibre Cables, Wires and Conductors, reports that our Finished Products (Electric and Optical Fibre Cables, Wires and Conductors), are ARTICLES and NOT SUBSTANCES, in accordance with the current specifications of the Spanish and European REACH Legislation and as ARTICLES DO NOT need to be registered.

This exclusion does NOT exempt our Member Companies from the future obligations which may arise from this legislation.