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**Re: European REACH Initiative**  
To Our Valued Customers:

Over the past few years, there has been much written about the environmental requirements for products that are sold into the European Union (EU). In 2006, the EU enacted the Restriction of Hazardous Substances directive (RoHS), which now restricts the use of 10 primary substances in manufactured products to be sold into the EU. This was an initial step to reduce the negative environmental impact believed to be caused by these substances. Since the implementation of the updated RoHS Recast directive, 2011/65/EU and subsequent amendment 2015/863, the EU has continued its efforts to reduce and restrict the use of other potentially hazardous chemicals by enacting REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals).

In contrast to RoHS, which focuses on the restriction of just 10 substances, the REACH regulation encompasses thousands of substances. It is similar to the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) system that is used in the U.S. in that it is a registration system that requires manufacturers to disclose and register the content of the identified substances within their products. REACH does not necessarily restrict the use of all of the substances defined in the directive, however, it requires manufacturers to register these substances and obtain authorization to market these products within the EU. REACH has also identified 235 substances of very high concern" (SVHC) with a plan to add others as they deem appropriate.

Leviton has a long history of manufacturing quality products for the electrical industry and has always been environmentally responsible in specifying the materials used with our products. Since the Leviton product portfolio encompasses thousands of products, it will take a significant effort to obtain the chemical composition of each raw material from our suppliers to determine if any of them contain the SVHC's defined by REACH. At this time, Leviton does not have the means to do so and we are unable to provide product-level detail related to REACH. Upon request, should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mark Richards, Sr. Director of Customer Services & eCommerce at (631) 812-6907 or [mrichards@leviton.com](mailto:mrichards@leviton.com)

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we will continue to evaluate the scope of this critical issue and importance to our customers and to our shared environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Nikrant".

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