



June 26th, 2023

To: All Howard Precision Metals Customers

Subject: REACH Compliance

Dear Valued Customer:

Howard Precision Metals is a distributor of articles and not a producer. The following information summarizes the responsibilities within our scope of effort as a distributor of Articles as specified by the European Union Directive 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as defined by their website at: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>.

REACH is a European law regarding chemicals and their safe use. It deals with Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals.

After discussing REACH Compliance with our mill suppliers, it is Howard Precision Metals position that no aluminum products (plate or extrusions) it sells and supplies contain any chemicals that appear on the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern" (most recently updated on June 14, 2023).

The mill suppliers believe the aluminum products that they produce are considered "Articles" as defined by REACH, Article 3(3) and do not require pre-Registration or Authorization.

Our mill suppliers maintain for the plate or extrusions that they produce, substances are not intended to be released during normal and reasonable foreseeable conditions of use and are compliant with REACH, Article 7.1.

Howard Precision Metals will review its position as required, based on additional clarification or modifications to the law.

Thank you,

Howard Precision Metals Quality Department

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