

## REACH STATEMENT

Gateway understands the importance of communication through the supply chain and is committed to passing on any information required under the REACH regulations to its customer base.

*REACH (Regulation, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) entered into force on 1st June 2007 to streamline and improve the former legislative framework on chemicals of the European Union (EU). REACH places greater responsibility on industry to manage the risks that chemicals may pose to health and the environment.*

### *REACH Objectives*

*To improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals. Enhance the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry, a key sector for the economy of the EU. Promote alternative methods for the assessment of hazards of substances. Ensure the free circulation of substances on the internal market of the European Union.*

*The "Candidate List" has been identified as chemical Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). "SVHC": are substances which may have very serious and often irreversible effects on humans and the environment. Substances are added to the Candidate List by the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency). Substance on the Candidate List may subsequently become subject to authorization by decision of the European Commission.*

This statement reflects Gateway Electronic Components Ltd understanding of the applicability of European Union Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) to company operations. Gateway is an independent distributor of electronics components and as such is classed as an importer or distributor of "articles" as defined in REACH Article 3(3). As an independent distributor, Gateway does not add any chemicals during the handling process.

Products sold by Gateway are "articles" as defined in REACH Article 3(3). There is no intended release of substances from the products sold by Gateway, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, and Gateway does not import more than 1 tonne of chemicals within "articles" therefore the requirement in REACH Article 7 (1) (b) to register substances contained in article and intended to be released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use does not apply.

Gateway will continue to monitor future obligations with regards to the "Candidate list" as it is revised, and with regards to any new supplier information on parts purchased or supplied. Any changes which may affect this statement will be made public to its customers.

Individual represented manufacturer REACH statements are available from their respective websites