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**Information regarding the inclusion of lead in the SVHC Candidate List according to the Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)**

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On June 27, 2018, lead was added as a “substance of very high concern” (SVHC) to the REACH Candidate List. According to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, SICK is required to notify its customers of the presence of any SVHC in its products in a concentration exceeding 0.1% by weight.

Lead is used as an alloying element in small concentrations, above all, in aluminium (< 0.4%) and copper (< 4%), which are present in a number of our products. These concentrations are permitted under the RoHS Regulation, because there are currently no alternatives. Lead is used for the processability and corrosion resistance of alloys.

Provided that our products are used for their intended purposes, there is to our knowledge **no** danger to humans and the environment.

The listing of lead as an SVHC does **not** mean that its use is prohibited. This merely results in a communication obligation pursuant to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

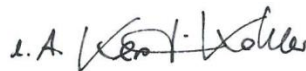
The communication obligation according to REACH is **not** based on any new scientific findings regarding the metal and its use in metallic semi-finished products. The use of lead has been regulated for years. The communication obligation is based solely on the fact the lead has been included in the Candidate List by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The objective of the inclusion is to obtain information on the quantities of these substances used within the EU.

For information of SICK products containing SVHC lead, please check your delivery note on position level.

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