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## General customer information on Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) and SVHC of the REACH Candidate List

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### General information regarding restricted substances

All SICK products are developed and manufactured according to the applicable regulations. To the best of our knowledge, our products delivered to you do not contain any substances that, pursuant to the German Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance (ChemVerbotsV), the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), the Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, the Regulation (EC) No 517/2014 on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases, the ElektroStoffV (German implementation of the and the EU Directives RoHS 2011/65/EC) and the ElektroG (German implementation of the WEEE 2012/19/EC) may not be placed on the market. We investigated with great care as to make sure that none of our products violate the currently valid REACH regulation as transposed into national legislation.

### REACH

The European Chemicals Regulation REACH has been directly applicable in all EU member states since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and entered into force on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

REACH which includes the three elements of (1) registration, (2) evaluation and (3) authorization of chemicals has created a comprehensive management of chemicals to ensure a European-wide high safety standard regarding environmental and health risks upon use of chemicals. The duty of registration and evaluation applies to manufacturers in the EU and importers of chemicals from non-EU countries which place more than one tonne of a chemical substance on the market per year. It also applies to manufacturers and importers of non-chemical products (articles) if these articles release chemical substances under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use and if their total content in all articles of the manufacturer is more than 1t/a. Substances of very high concern are additionally subject to authorization.

### Relevance for SICK products

SICK is a manufacturer of sensors for factory, logistic and process automation. All SICK products are manufactured in accordance with the regulations, including REACH, applicable to them. **Within the meaning of the REACH Regulation, SICK products are articles (non-**

chemical products) and, as far as is apparent, they are not subject to registration, evaluation or authorization because, to the best of our knowledge, no chemical substances are released under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, or their total content does not exceed the quantity of 1t/a.

## SVHC

The manufacturers' obligation to provide information to their customers pursuant to Art. 33 of the REACH Regulation only applies to so-called substances of very high concern (SVHC) meeting the criteria set out in Art. 57. In addition, each of the articles must contain these substances in a concentration above 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w). The current candidate list is published and regularly updated by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and is available on its website at <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>.


The publication of the candidate list does not yet entail a duty of authorization. Such duty of authorization does not exist until a substance of the candidate list has been added to Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation. If, in addition, the total content of SVHC in the articles is above 1t/a, a notification to the European Chemicals Agency is mandatory. (Source: ZVEI guidelines on the duty of notification for companies pursuant to Art. 33 of the REACH Regulation)

According to Art. 33 of REACH there is a duty to inform customers when an article contains a SVHC in a concentration above 0.1 % (w/w). In case that SICK-products contain SVHC you may find further information on the delivery note of your delivery.

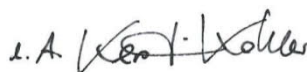
The above statements are based on the REACH regulation as well as the cited references. They reflect SICK's understanding of the cited regulations.

Yours faithfully,

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