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## **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**

**This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

<b>Applicability:</b>	
<b>Aerodromes:</b>	<i>Not primarily affected</i>
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	<i>Not primarily affected</i>
<b>Airspace:</b>	<i>Not primarily affected</i>
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	<i>Production, Maintenance, Continuing Airworthiness Organisations, Licensed Engineers, and &amp; UK Approved Design Organisations,</i>
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	<i>Not primarily affected</i>

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 REACH is a European Union regulation concerning the **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation & restriction of **C**hemicals. The Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council was issued in December 2006 and as a result certain materials and chemicals specified in aerospace processes may become progressively more difficult or indeed impossible to obtain.  
For more detailed information on the origins of REACH go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/>

### **2. Scope**

- 2.1 It is important that the aviation industry is aware of the impact and consequences of this Regulation and responds accordingly.

Where the material/chemical contained in approved design/production/maintenance data is no longer available, the use of substitute materials/chemicals must be approved by the design organisation responsible for the original data.

Alternative materials/chemicals offered by supplier and stockists should only be accepted where objective evidence of design organisation acceptance (such as a formally issued alternative materials list) is available.

Statements by suppliers/stockists in company literature or on websites that replacement materials are authorised by design organisations, should not be taken at face value by approved organisations. Such statements should be verified by means of objective evidence as noted above and the relevant process information updated in a controlled manner (including approval by the DOA holder where such process controls are specified).

Products and parts manufactured/maintained using unapproved alternative materials are not in compliance with approved data and must not be released to service. Where it is found that an Approved Organisation is not using approved substitute materials/chemicals, findings will be raised that may involve the cessation of further manufacture/maintenance until the substitution has been agreed by the design organisation and any necessary corrective action taken. This could also involve the recall of the affected products and parts where justified on airworthiness grounds.

### **3. Queries**

- 3.1 Any queries or further guidance required as a result of this communication should be addressed as follows:

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Safety and Airspace Regulation Group  
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### **4. Cancellation**

- 4.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until further notice.