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REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals) compliance

The EChA publishes a list of substances (Annex XIV) which are forbidden by use after their Sunset Date in any new project and on-going programs. After its Sunset Date, the use of an Annex XIV substance may be used where an authorization is granted by the EChA).

The REACH regulation will ban the use of specific **Chromates** in Europe (EEA) starting from September 2017, unless an Authorisation is granted by the European Commission. These chromates are used in chromate conversion coating processes e.g. Alocrom 1200 / 1000, paint primers and other preparations. Our customers have advised that suppliers will only be covered by the Authorisation for a specific use of chromium trioxide if the three following conditions are met:

- A. The use of the relevant Chromate falls under an authorised use definition.
- B. Your company is supplied by a chemical supplier covered by the Authorisation.
- C. Your company complies with the specific conditions described in the Chemical Safety Report and those associated with the Authorisation.

		Additional Comment
	Who is your chromate supplier;	All our sub-tier suppliers are already compliant with removal of Alocrom 1200 etc. treatment processes now replaced with Surtech 650 and Chromatol TCP
1	Is your chromate supplier going to be covered under a pending authorisation from 21st September 2017 onwards?	As above
2	Will you meet all three of the above mentioned conditions from the 21st September 2017 onwards?	As above
3	Will your company be able to continue supplying after the related sunset date?	As above
4	Will the use of an authorisation and any associated conditions have any impact on the ability of your facility to operate at its current capacity and thus affect lead times for supplied items?	As above
Are there any restriction in application of authorisation e.g. end use application of product;		As above
5	Do you have alternative replacement plating processes in place that could be offered?	As above

Signed

John Morton