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For Whom It May Concern

European Regulation on Chemicals REACH

The European Regulation (EC 1907/2006) concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) requires substances on their own, in preparations, or substances intentionally released from articles, and that are manufactured or imported into the EU in quantities above 1 tonne per year per manufacturer/importer, to be registered.

Liberty Merchant Bar plc does not manufacture or import substances on their own or in preparations. We do manufacture a range of merchant bar products and purchase / import steel billet which are considered articles. However, these articles have no intended or foreseeable release, as outlined in the European Chemical Agency's '*Guidance on requirements for substances in articles*' (RIP 3.8), and, therefore, we have no registration obligation under REACH.

We are 'downstream users' (i.e. we use a substance, either on its own or in a preparation, in the course of our industrial or professional activities) and recognise that we have certain obligations to satisfy. These include:

- applying the risk management measures identified by the supplier and communicated a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), passing this information down the supply chain; and
- making the supplier aware of the use of the substance(s) we purchase so that the supplier can include this 'intended use(s)' in the risk assessment and management information in the SDS.

We have identified the substances that we use in the course of our industrial activities and have engaged with our suppliers to seek formal assurance of their intention to comply with the registration requirements of REACH. Where our supplier is reliant on an actor up the supply chain to register for a substance(s) which they provide to us, we have requested that they qualify their intention to comply with REACH, so that the substance(s) we use will remain available for use in the future.

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In June 2016 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published an update of the Candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) subject to the authorisation process. Article 33 of REACH obliges suppliers of articles containing SVHC in a concentration greater than 0.1% w/w to communicate this information.

Please note that none of the 169 substances in the SVHC Candidate list are present in a concentration above 0.1% w/w in any of the products we supply. Liberty Merchant Bar plc will continue to monitor the SVHC Candidate list and update customers and downstream users where relevant.

I trust that this letter provides the necessary assurance that Liberty Merchant Bar plc fully recognises and is actively engaged in satisfying its REACH obligations. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A J Kennedy".

A J Kennedy
Operations Manager