



## NORTH AMERICAN STAINLESS



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RE: REACH Conformity

On June 1, 2007, major new legislation entered into force in the European Union ("EU"), dramatically overhauling the system for regulating chemicals, including chemicals in mixtures and articles, that are manufactured or imported into Europe. Known as "REACH" – the Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals – the legislation imposes substantial requirements on companies to register and provide health risk information on chemicals manufactured in Europe or imported in excess of one metric ton per year. In essence, the regulatory system requires chemical manufacturers and importers to prove the safety of a substance before being allowed to place it on the market. The list of restricted substances is update periodically. The most recent amended list was published on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) website and amended for inclusion on June 25, 2020.

NAS has studied the products and substances contained in and can confirm that our product does not contain substances of the following categories:

- Carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction, category 1
- Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
- Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
- Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) included in the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% by weight

Stainless steel is currently classified as an article. NAS's stainless steel does contain SVHCs below the 0.1% by weight threshold, and these SVHCs are not intended to be released. As such, stainless steel does not currently have to be registered.

Nickel is listed on Annex XVII. Attached are the restriction that applies for nickel, and the Safety Information Sheet as used in EU by our parent company.

Information about the safe use of products is available to our customers. The Safety Data Sheet is available on our website. NAS continues to review material safety data sheets (and Safety Information Sheets) for materials used at NAS as means of REACH conformity.

Sincerely,

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