



# Policy Statement - Substances of Very High Concern “SVHC in Articles”

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## EU Regulation No 1907/2006 on the: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

Liberty Speciality Steels takes the implementation of REACH seriously. Authorisation is a major part of REACH in which we have identified the need to communicate openly and positively with our suppliers and customers.

Under REACH, the steel products Liberty Speciality Steels supplies to its customers and downstream users are designated as articles<sup>1</sup>. This statement applies to this definition of steel articles.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Maintains a 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 of the substances in the SVHC Candidate list only **LEAD** is present in a concentration above 0.1% w/w in any of the **steel articles** we supply.

Due to the judgement of the Court of Justice of 10 September 2015 in case C-106/14, ECHA have changed their guidance document on substances in articles with regards to the presence of SVHC in an article. The 0.1% w/w threshold now applies to each article in an object, in which more than one article have been joined or assembled together. When Liberty Speciality Steels communicates with its customers and downstream users regarding the presence of SVHC in articles it supplies, Liberty Speciality Steels will use this definition.

Liberty Speciality Steels will continue to monitor the SVHC Candidate list and updates, we will update customers and downstream users where relevant. It is the intention of REACH to stimulate communication on substances along the supply chain. If you require any further information please contact your Commercial / Technical contact.

The candidate list can be accessed using this link:

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table>

<sup>1</sup> Steel Articles are defined as first cast products, which are not re-melted for further processing. Ingots that are cast to be re-melted are defined as preparations under REACH. Please see Eurofer position paper for further reference (Eurofer website)

<sup>2</sup> This document is a Policy Statement it refers to any Candidate List issued even if the release date is post the date of this statement. A new policy statement will only be issued if the position regarding REACH changes.



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