

REACH Compliance

EC Regulation No 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) entered into force on 1st June 2007. Under REACH, companies operating in the European Union face obligations as manufacturers, importers and downstream users.

The majority of NIKON products, accessories and packaging are considered to be 'articles' under the REACH Regulation. Article 33 of REACH requires companies to provide the recipients of articles, and consumers on request, with sufficient available information to allow the safe use of articles, including, as a minimum, the presence in a concentration of greater than 0.1% by weight of any substances of very high concern (SVHC) as listed on the REACH initial candidate list issued on 28th October 2008 or later.

NIKON has been working with its supply chain partners to identify the use of any of the SVHC chemicals in the production of NIKON products. Thus far, some cables may contain the following substances on the candidate list.

- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (CAS No 117-81-7, EC No 204-211-0)

The products are safe when used as intended, and in accordance with the applicable instructions.

We have asked our suppliers of materials, component and finished products to provide us information on substances concerned in the supplied items.

NIKON will continue to work closely with the supply chain to ensure that all the requirements of REACH are fully implemented.

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