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SUBSTANCES OF VERY HIGH CONCERN

“SVHC”

EU Regulation No 1907/2006 on the:

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

British Steel 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 British Steel supplies to its customers and downstream users are designated as articles. This statement applies to this definition of steel articles.

In January 2017 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. A further 4 substances were placed on the list making the total count now stand at 173

Please note that **none** of the 173 substances in the SVHC Candidate list are present in a concentration above 0.1% w/w in any of the **steel articles** we supply.

British Steel will continue to monitor the SVHC Candidate list and 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 local Commercial / Technical / REACH contact.

The candidate list can be accessed using this link:

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