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**To our customers** February 2012

## REACH Regulation (EC/1907/2006)

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances

## **Information in the Supply Chain**

Softing feels committed to environmental protection and the sustainability of commerce and welcomes the aims of the REACH Regulation. For many years now Softing has been supplying top quality Hardware products in the form of electronic boards and devices (which are %rticles+in terms of REACH nomenclature).

We have dealt in detail with the requirements and obligations of REACH and are able to state that Softing does not manufacture any materials, which require registering in accordance with the REACH Regulation. Our equipment and devices are made up of electronic and mechanical components, from which no substances are discharged during their intended use. Therefore there is definitely no requirement to register any substances. The current point of view is that a duty for notification as referred to in the REACH Regulation does not exist either.

The list according to Article 59(1) of the Regulation ("candidate list") was first published on October 29, 2008 by the European Chemicals Agency and is extended continuously. Therefore ites an ongoing process for us to check with our suppliers to see whether the delivered products contain substances (SVHC) on the list above 0.1 mass % and to fulfil our obligation of information according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

If you have any further questions regarding this subject, please get in touch with your sales contact.

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