



Chemicals of Concern Statement

RS Group plc is a global omni-channel provider of product and service solutions for designers, builders and maintainers of industrial equipment and operations. We offer more than 650,000 industrial and electronic products, sourced from over 2,500 leading suppliers, and provide a wide range of value-added services to over one million customers. With operations in 32 countries, we trade through multiple channels and ship over 50,000 parcels a day.

Our [Group Code of Conduct](#) sets out the high ethical standards of behaviour to which we all work and our [Commitment to Compliance Brochure](#) and [Ethical Trading Policy](#) outline our rigorous approach to global compliance requirements, regulations and ethical considerations.

Scope of chemicals identified: regulation and phase-out plans

Our distribution businesses across EMEA and APAC have strict policies and processes around chemicals of concern (which incorporate Substances of High Concern 'SVHC's', REACH Restricted Substances on Annex XVII, Prop 65 and TCSCA). They review all chemical products Safety Data Sheets 'SDS' as supplied by vendors, line by line, to identify the presence restricted substances in line with EU and UK regulations for chemical products and substances. Those businesses actively review their library of 'SDS's' annually to ensure that they hold and provide the latest revisions, which also ensures that their Dangerous Goods and Hazardous systems are up-to-date with the latest substance composition and classification information.

The EMEA and APAC distribution businesses have active processes to monitor these restrictions, and the deadline for the removal of affected substances from the supply chain. This is actively managed through rigorous engagement with their suppliers and colleagues in Product Management to ensure that any affected products are removed from the EMEA and APAC RS Distribution offer before the restriction comes into enforcement.

Disclosure of substances: registration and use

As an added level of confidence, our MRO distribution business in the UK retains the British Standards Institution RoHS Trusted BSI Kitemark Certification. RoHS is the Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment and limits the use of a number of hazardous substances in amounts not exceeding set maximum limits.

The BSI Kitemark, which is a highly recognised quality mark, confirms that our processes operate in accordance with the required standards:

- Assessments using IEC 63000:2018
- Ongoing analysis, including focused, risk-based testing
- Continual assessment: audits and certification which are repeated every six months

On the [RS UK website](#) we publish the RoHS status of products, based on information provided by manufacturer partners. We have flagged over half a million products as RoHS compliant, with RoHS certificates available to download.

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Process to apply environmental/health standards in new product designs

While our EMEA and APAC distribution businesses will continue to review all products that may contain chemicals and/or substances of concern, in partnership with their suppliers, to ensure that our high standards are applied to both new and existing products, we are also working to extend this to all parts of the RS Group.

If a customer requires a RoHS compliant version of a product that has not been indicated as such, they can contact our Technical Helpline on 0044 3457 201 201. We will endeavour to support any requests, including carrying out in-house compliance verification where appropriate.

To access our suite of Group codes, policies and procedures, please visit the [RS Group website](#)

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