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SAMSON has a wide product range: this is both an opportunity and a challenge. Our products are subject to rules and regulations that govern the use or restricted use of certain substances. We take our responsibility in this field very seriously. We work constantly at identifying such substances and replacing them.

### REACH Regulation

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), which entered into force on 1 June 2007, established a uniform, EU-wide regulatory framework for the registration, evaluation, authorization, and restriction of chemicals. SAMSON manufactures "articles" as defined in the REACH Regulation; as a result, we are subject to the regulation as a "downstream user". In Article 57 of the REACH Regulation, criteria for Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) are defined. These substances are potential candidates for Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation. After they have been included in the annex and a defined transitional period has expired (past a so-called "sunset date"), they must not be placed on the market without authorization. SVHC are published by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in a constantly updated candidate list:

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

We fulfil our duty to communicate information to our customers on SVHC contained in our products according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, provided the concentration of the substance is above 0.1 % w/w relating to the entire product. We continuously verify whether our products contain any substances mentioned in the REACH candidate list. We are in close contact with our suppliers as part of this process.

### RoHS Directive

Directive 2011/65/EU deals with the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment. The substances listed in the following are subject to restrictions as specified in Annex II. The maximum concentration values tolerated by weight in homogeneous materials are given in percent by weight:

<b>Current</b>	Lead (0.1 %) Mercury (0.1 %) Cadmium (0.01 %) Hexavalent chromium (0.1 %) Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB; 0.1 %) Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE; 0.1 %)
<b>Extension as of July 2019</b>	Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP; 0.1 %) Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP; 0.1 %) Dibutyl phthalate (DBP; 0.1 %) Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP; 0.1 %)



Currently, a transition period until 21 July 2017 applies to those SAMSON products concerned. But SAMSON strives at implementing the banned material regulations under the RoHS Directive as early as possible. In addition to inspecting the substances we use, we are in close contact with our suppliers on these issues.

#### **Conflict Minerals**

In July 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (or Dodd-Frank Act) was passed in the US. According to section 1502 of this law, suppliers serving companies listed on US stock exchanges must annually disclose information on the use of conflict materials in their products. "Conflict minerals" refers to raw materials that directly or indirectly finance armed conflict or result in labor or human rights violations. According to the Dodd-Frank Act, this covers tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold, and their derivatives originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries.

SAMSON as a supplier is indirectly affected by this law. Nevertheless, we handle this topic with great responsibility. We have requested a declaration from all of our suppliers in question to confirm that they observe the requirements stipulated in section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

For further information, contact your local SAMSON subsidiary.

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