



## SCIP Position Statement

The Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (“REACH”) was implemented in 2007. It created the European Chemical Agency (“ECHA”) and was adopted to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. REACH identifies the Substance of Very High Concern (“SVHC”) and its inclusion in their Candidate List brings immediate obligations for suppliers of the substance.

The Waste Framework Directive (“WFD”) sets out measures addressing the adverse impacts of the generation and management of waste on the environment and human health, and for improving efficient use of resources.

The revised WFD gave ECHA the tasks to develop a database with information on SVHCs on the Candidate List – called the SCIP Database (Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects (Products)). It requires companies that produce, import or supply articles containing SVHCs on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) to submit information related to these articles placed on the EU market to the SCIP database. This obligation is for articles produced in the EU or imported from non-EU-countries.

As an importer and distributor of articles into the EU market, MKS Instruments, Inc. and all its subsidiaries understand the obligations to register with the ECHA and to facilitate the flow of information in our supply chain, any articles containing SVHCs in the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight.

MKS Instruments, Inc and subsidiaries works closely with our vendor partners and suppliers to ensure that we are compliant and transparent on any qualifying articles and provide the information to the best of our knowledge. We have engaged a third-party agency to query vendors and suppliers, gather and assemble documentation, continuously monitor and update information. All information for article portfolios is pushed directly to the SCIP database on our behalf.

MKS Instruments, Inc. responds to inquiries related to articles. Information is provided per part or part number as it becomes available. Requests for information should be directed to the MKS local sales representative or MKS Global Product Compliance team at [Cheryl.white@mksinst.com](mailto:Cheryl.white@mksinst.com).