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To whom it may concern,

**Subject: REACH Regulation – Notification of SVHC's in NSK Products**

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Article 33 of the REACH Regulation 1907/2006, requires that directly after a substance is included in the REACH Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), suppliers of articles which contain such a substance in a concentration above 0.1% (weight by weight) have to provide enough information to allow the safe use of the article to the recipients. This requirement applies whenever a Candidate List substance is present at a concentration above 0.1% (w/w) of the article, regardless of whether that article is supplied separately or as a component part of a more complex article comprising numerous components.

The vast majority of NSK products are free from all substances currently listed in the Candidate List. However some products contain the following Candidate List substance as follows:

Substance Name	CAS number
Lead	7439-92-1

Lead is currently used as an alloying element in those NSK products containing copper alloy (brass) components. Its purpose is to improve the machinability of the material. Typically it will present in concentrations of less than 0.5% of the complete bearing assembly and less than 2% of the brass component.

Lead can also be present in lead solder used in NSK's electronic steering systems and other electronic based products - in line with the exemptions allowed under the End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive and the Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive. The content of lead in such solders will vary dependent on the specific application.

Should you require confirmation as to whether the particular product supplied to your company contains this substance, please do not hesitate to contact your usual NSK representative and we will provide a declaration specific to the product supplied.

Yours Faithfully,



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