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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: European Regulation on Chemicals (REACH)

Dear Customer:

It is to hereby inform you that Thomas & Betts (T&B) does not manufacture any chemical substances of their own or in preparations. Therefore, it is not obligated to pre-register or register such substances or preparations according to REACH legislation.

From 28 October 2008 when the first Candidate List of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) was published, Article 33 (1) of the REACH Regulation places a legal obligation on Thomas & Betts to inform its customers whether the components or assemblies (T&B products) sold by Thomas & Betts contain any of the REACH Candidate List substances in concentrations > 0.1 % w/w.

It is thereby to inform you that Thomas & Betts does manufacture certain products (articles) which contain a particular SVHC on the 163 SVHC list (as of June 15, 2015) in excess of 0.1 % w/w. These products are considered EXEMPT from REACH registration for the following reasons:

(1) Products are considered “Articles”.
(2) SVHC substance is not intended to be released.

The articles (T&B products) that contain a SVHC in excess of 0.1 % w/w are not subject to the Notification requirements under REACH, as the SVHC substance does not meet the mandatory requirements for notification.

As a downstream user Thomas & Betts is required and therefore, will follow the instructions in the Safety Data Sheets or any other information received from its suppliers relative to the presence of SVHCs. It will communicate closely with customers and provide relevant safety information to them on the Thomas & Betts products (components or assemblies) that contain more than 0.1 % w/w of a SVHC in the product.

It is further declared that all T&B products that are purely metallic whether they are made of steel, copper, aluminum, zinc and tin or a combination of these metals do not contain any listed SVHC in excess of 0.1 % w/w and are therefore, in compliance with the REACH regulation. Some of the purely metallic T&B products include, but not limited to: steel boxes, conduits, Kindorf and Superstrut channels & accessories, copper and aluminum connectors, tin plated and non-plated lugs, zinc fittings, etc.

The T&B products that are purely plastic or polymeric and the products, which contain plastic or polymeric components or assemblies, are being evaluated by direct communications with our suppliers or by the review of the Safety Data Sheets provided by the suppliers. This evaluation is ongoing.

In the meanwhile if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Technical Services Department at (888) 862-3289.