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To Whom It May Concern,

On June 1, 2007, [European Union regulation \(EC\) No. 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals \(REACH\)](#) went into force. The primary objective of REACH is to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the identification and control of chemical substances.

Gibson Stainless & Specialty, Inc. (GSS) is a manufacturer of "articles," as defined by the REACH regulation, manufactured in the United States that could be imported into the European Community. As such, under Article 33, GSS has an obligation to provide recipients of its articles with sufficient information to enable the safe use of its articles; this is particularly true if the articles contain any substance meeting the criteria in Article 57 of the regulation.

The regulation specifies that article suppliers must follow communication and notification protocols when a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) is contained within their article(s). Articles are objects which, during production, are given a special shape, surface, or design that determines their function to a greater degree than does their chemical composition.

Substances fulfilling one or more of the criteria defined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation and identified in accordance with Article 59(1) in a concentration above 0.1 wt%, can be identified as SVHC and put on the Candidate List for Authorisation. These SVHC can be:

- substances meeting the criteria for classification as carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR) category 1A or 1B,
- persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) substances or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) substances, and/or
- substances identified on a case-by-case basis for which there is scientific evidence of probable serious effects to human health or the environment which give rise to an equivalent level of concern, e.g. endocrine disruptors.

Gibson Stainless & Specialty, Inc. provides this letter to declare that the articles it produces do not contain more than 0.1 wt% of any substance in Annex XIV to REACH (i.e., List of Substances Subject to Authorisation), or any substance on the [Candidate List of SVHC for Authorisation](#), and are in compliance with the [restrictions listed in Annex XVII](#) to REACH.

If there is anything further you need please feel free to contact GSS at (724) 838-8320.

Sincerely,



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