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## **REACH & decBDE Statement**

Hope Industrial Systems, Inc. is committed to ensuring all of our products conform to the most recent safety standards. Since many of the electronic and mechanical components used in the manufacturing of our products come from worldwide sources, we rely upon declarations of conformity from our suppliers.

We actively pursue our suppliers to ensure that all of our components, sub-assemblies, and metalwork remain up-to-date and are in accordance with the most recent standards.

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) is a regulation covering the manufacturing and import into EU of hazardous chemicals. Article 33.1 of the REACH regulation states that "manufacturers and importers of articles (products) are required to notify their customers of the presence of any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in their products exceeding 0.1% by weight." However, in order to display due diligence, we are confirming with all of our suppliers that there are no traces of these chemicals in any sub-assemblies or components used in HIS products.

Regarding decaBDE flame retardant chemicals, originally exempted from RoHS but annulled last year, we are in the process of confirming that our suppliers do not use any of these products.

It is estimated that it may take a few months in order to absolutely confirm that the entire supply chain conforms for all HIS products in the two cases above.