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RoHS stands for **R**estriction **o**f **H**azardous **S**ubstances, and impacts the entire electronics industry and many electrical products as well. EU Directive 2011/65/EU with amendment 2015/863/EU for Restrictions of Hazardous Substances. RoHS specifies maximum levels for restricted substances.

REACH – Regulation (EC 1907/2006) of the European Parliament and of the Council as of January, 2021 aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances. This is done by the four processes of **REACH**, namely the **Registration**, **E**valuation, **A**uthorization and restriction of **CH**emicals. REACH also aims to enhance innovation and competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/830 dated 28 May 2015 amending Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on REACH and released a list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), such that 211 substances as per SVHC Candidate list, updated on 19 January 2021. REACH SVHC list is not a static list and it is updated once in six months, ECHA now added 4 new substances in the list of candidates to the previous list. Thus, the current list now contains 223 substances as of 17 January 2022.

The four most commonly mined **conflict minerals** (known as **3TG**s, from their initials) are <u>cassiterite</u> (for <u>Tin</u>), <u>wolframite</u> (for <u>Tungsten</u>), <u>coltan</u> (for <u>Tantalum</u>), and <u>gold</u> ore, which are extracted from the eastern Congo, and passed through a variety of intermediaries before being purchased. Also included in this list is Cobalt.

ESTCO Enterprises, Inc. is constantly monitoring the substances of very high concern (SVHC), in our products. ESTCO Enterprises products (articles) do not contain Substances of Very High Concern above the threshold value declared by ECHA mentioned in Candidate List updated on 17 January 2022.

ESTCO Enterprises, Inc. is compliant in **RoHS**, **REACH** and **3TG**'s for all parts manufactured for ESTCO customers unless specifically noted otherwise on our website or product catalogs.

Respectfully,

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