



NORTH AMERICAN STAINLESS



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To our valued customers,

On June 1, 2007, major new legislation entered into force in the European Union ("EU"), dramatically overhauling the system for regulating chemicals, including chemicals in mixtures and articles, that are manufactured or imported into Europe. Known as "REACH" – the Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals – the legislation imposes substantial requirements on companies to register and provide health risk information on chemicals manufactured in Europe or imported in excess of one metric ton per year. In essence, the regulatory system requires chemical manufacturers and importers to prove the safety of a substance before being allowed to place it on the market.

North American Stainless manufactures stainless steel which is defined as an article. NAS has studied the products and substances contained in and can confirm that our product does not contain substances of the following categories:

- Carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction, categories 1 and 2
- Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
- Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
- Substances of Very High Concern included in the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) Candidate List. (including those published to 6/18/10 and 12/19/11).

North American Stainless does not receive electronic waste streams. NAS does comply with the restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment as outlined in EU Restriction 2002/95/EG.

North American Stainless does not operate manufacturing operations in the EU and does not act as an importer into the EU. For these reasons, North American Stainless is not required to register under REACH.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 502-347-6534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Eichelberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Maria Eichelberger
Environmental Manager