Environmental Compliance Initiatives

RoHS Compliance: Knowles products identified by a package label stating "Meets RoHS Requirements" are compliant to the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU commonly known as RoHS2. In addition, package labels stating "Product is Green Compliant" meet the requirements of the Knowles Green Materials Standard in addition to RoHS requirements. At the customer's request Knowles will provide an industry standard *IPC-1752 xml Material Composition Declaration* for any specific product.

REACH Compliance: Article 3 of REACH defines an Article as: *"An object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition"*. Knowles has reviewed our products and has determined that its products are articles, without intended release of substances, and are therefore not required to register our products under REACH. We are aware, however, of our potential Notification and communication obligations. As such, we monitor the ECHA website for the Candidate list (SVHCs) of substances and will take any necessary actions as new SVHC's are listed. The vast majority of Knowles products do not contain any SVHCs above the 0.1% threshold. For those products that may exceed this level, customers purchasing those products will receive a declaration from Knowles identifying any SVHC and the level of the SVHC contained in the product.

Legislative Updates: Knowles utilizes global consulting services in order to monitor and stay abreast of environmental legislation changes in all regions around the world. This ensures Knowles products remain complaint to other legislations such as for Ozone Depleting Chemicals (ODCs – Montreal Protocol) and POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants – Stockholm convention).

Questions regarding regulated and restricted substances as well as any questions regarding REACH may be addressed to William Henryson at bill.henryson@knowles.com.

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