

Ellwangen, 2nd August 2022

## REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a manufacturer of commodities VARTA Consumer Batteries GmbH & Co. KGaA is, according to the REACH-regulation, considered as a "downstream user". As such "downstream user" VARTA Consumer Batteries GmbH & Co. KGaA underlies no compulsory registration subject to REACH.

In our own interest and in order to guarantee high product availability we pursue the implementation of REACH and the resulting requirements intensively. In this respect we contacted our sub-suppliers of chemical materials and preparations, which we use in our products and packaging materials processes, in order to ensure a registration.

Our articles (commodities) underlie the reporting requirements in accordance with article 33. This applies to commodities fulfilling the criteria's of article 57 and identified by article 59 and published by the agency ECHA on the Internet.

We are going to inform our customer within 45 days, if there are substances of very high concern (SVHC-substance) in the commodities in a concentration > 0,1 mass percentage.

According to the current REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 different lithium batteries are affected by information requirements regarding SVHC substance.

Our primary lithium manganese dioxide batteries contain > 0.1 weight percent 1,2dimethoxyethane, ethylene glycol dimethyl ether (EGDME)

There are no restrictions on distribution or use of the affected products.

This is an ongoing process and we are willing to take all required measures in order to continue to provide our products with the usual high quality and security.

If you have any further questions concerning the implementation of the REACH- regulation in our company, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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