

## Franz Hoffmann- Feinleder Stuttgart · Germany

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### **Subject: Consumer products safety management, REACH**

Dear honorable customer,

According to the consumer code requirements, our company FRANZ HOFFMANN- FEINLEDER located in Stuttgart- Germany has implemented proactive actions to ensure that our leather products meet the regulatory requirements for consumer safety, including the European REACH regulation which is applicable to all industrial sectors since June 2007.

The abbreviate **REACH** stands for **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorization and Restriction of **C**hemicals.

In particular, we confirm that our company takes into account the

#### Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorization

As a leather manufacturer, we shall comply with the REACH requirements applicable to “articles suppliers”.

As per the article 33 of REACH, a supplier of articles containing a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) included on the “Candidate List” for authorization in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w, i.e. 1 g/kg) has to provide relevant safety information about this substance available to him to the recipients of these articles.

The “Candidate List” of SVHC for authorization is published and updated on a regular basis by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The first list was published on 28 October 2008; as of 16 June 2014, it comprises 155 substances. The official list can be accessed online at <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table>.

Based on the review of the Material Safety Data Sheets of the chemicals we use in our production processes, we do confirm that none of our leather products contain any listed SVHC above the 0.1% threshold defined in article 33 of REACH (list of 155 substances).

#### Restrictions under REACH

REACH also defines regulatory constraints on chemicals, as per its Annex XVII. This Annex contains those substances for which manufacture, placing on the market or use is limited or banned in the European Union. Our company confirms that our leather products comply with the following Annex XVII limits:

- Azo dyes: 30 mg/kg
- Hexavalent chromium: 3 mg/kg
- Dimethylfumarate: 0,1 mg/kg
- Organostannic compounds: 0,1% by weight of tin
- Total Cadmium: 100 mg/kg [**FRANZ HOFFMANN- FEINLEDER**coated leathers only]

We perform periodical testing on our leathers to verify that they comply with main REACH requirements; these tests are carried out by accredited laboratories.

We remain at your disposal should you need further information. Please let us know anytime.