



## **REACH Compliance Statement For Zinc Die Cast Fittings, Malleable Iron Fittings, Zinc-Plated Steel parts and Components, & Non-Metallic Fittings and Components**

To Our Customers,

In June 2007, the European Union Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 concerning the “Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals” (REACH) entered into force. This Regulation defines specific duties and obligations on companies in the European Union that manufacture or import substances on their own, in preparations, or articles. This also may apply to any entity that adopts the REACH regulations in North America. (See [http://echa.europa.eu/reach\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/reach_en.asp) for more information.)

Under the structure of the Regulation, die-cast zinc, stamped steel components, or other similar electrical products/components manufactured by Bridgeport Fittings are considered “Articles”, which by definition means “an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than its chemical composition”.

Bridgeport Fittings is not required by REACH Regulations to register or pre-register the substances used in the “preparations” sold to countries outside the European Union. Also, “articles” manufactured and sold to the European Union are exempt from registering, pre-registering, notifying or communicating substances in “articles” shipped to EU nations, unless:

- The articles “intentionally release a substance and the substance are present in the article in quantities greater than or equal to 1 ton/year per importer”.

### **AND/OR**

- The articles contain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) on the current “candidate list for authorization” in amounts greater than 0.1% w/w (weight by weight).

**Since no SVHC are released from our products under normal usage conditions, there is no requirement to register any of our products.**



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Furthermore, as of the current 2017 guidance:

([http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance\\_document/articles\\_en.pdf](http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/articles_en.pdf)), neither of these exceptions apply to Bridgeport Fittings Zinc die castings, steel components, or similar “articles”; therefore, it is unnecessary to Register, Pre-Register, Notify or Communicate the substances that are contained within the Bridgeport Fittings “articles” sold into the European Union, or North American entities which adopt this EU regulation. Bridgeport’s products do not contain any of the substances as described in Article 67 and Annex XVII with latest amendments, and do not contain any of the Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) greater than 0.1% w/w as defined in Article 57 and Annex XIV with the latest amendments.

Please contact me directly if there are any questions regarding how Bridgeport Fittings and REACH applies to your company.

Regards,

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