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To our customers

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REACH declaration of conformity

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the current status of the REACH implementation within our company, SCHOTT AG.

The current chemical policy of the European Union, the REACH regulation, entered into force on 1st June 2007. It regulates the manufacture, the import and the placing on the market of substances, substances in preparations and substances in articles.

Whereas the mainly part of the glass is exempted from the registration duty (Annex V (11) REACH), there are some types of our glass not included in this exemption. Accordingly, we have decided to pre-register Glass before 1. December 2008 (Reference No. 05-2116788923-26-0000) and submitted a registration dossier (Reference No. 01-2119990048-30-0000) for selected glasses in time (May 31, 2013).

Our responsibilities are defined with Title IV, Articles 31 to 36 „Information in the Supply Chain“ and with Title V, Articles 37 to 39 „Downstream Users“. We hereby confirm that we are fully aware of our obligations and of the legal requirement to be compliant with the defined responsibilities. Furthermore, we confirm the timely implementation of all corresponding organizational steps to ensure compliance with REACH.

Under REACH legislation all our products are defined as “articles”, because their function is mainly defined by size, shape, or design and not by chemical composition. In particular, we are aware of our duties as a supplier of “articles” according to Article 33 REACH regulation. We are obliged to provide information to our customers regarding substances in our products that

- meet the criteria in Article 57
- are identified in accordance with Article 59 (1, 10) REACH regulation, published in a candidate list by ECHA (SVHC–List of Jun 27th, 2024, 241 Substances) as substances of very high concern in a concentration above 0,1 % weight by weight (w/w).

Since our products consist mainly of glass and glass, as a “substance”, is not included in the candidate list, currently our products are exempt from any information duties under REACH.

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However, to produce glass we may use “substances”, which are already on the candidate list. These substances are not present as such in the final glass; they are fully integrated into the glass matrix through the melting process. The information duties of Article 33 therefore do not apply.

Furthermore, substances from the candidate list may be included in Annex XIV of the REACH regulation (Authorisation List). An authorization for use of these substances as raw materials in the melting process of glass is not necessary because they are chemically transformed in the new material "glass". Thus, they are considered as intermediates as defined in REACH and exempted from the authorization requirement.

The restriction conditions of Annex XVII of the REACH regulation do not affect our glass products.

We have checked with our suppliers that all necessary raw materials for the glass production are treated consistently within REACH.

This information given in the present declaration is based upon the current level of our knowledge and is intended to provide information about our products. It should therefore not be construed as guaranteeing specific properties. Buyer or user are responsible for ensuring that the products they use, as supplied by us, comply with the specific requirements of their intended application. Due to the progress (evolution) of national and international laws and regulations, the status of the listed products could eventually change. If you have any doubt relating to the current correctness of this declaration, please contact us for an update.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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