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**Esterline Connection Technologies**  
**SOURIAU and SUNBANK**

June, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Subject: REACH regulation assessment

Ref: REACH-23-2016

Dear Madam or Sir,

On December 18th, 2006, the Council of the European Union adopted the final text of 1907/2006 REACH regulation. This text relating to chemical substances and dangerous preparations is designed to better protect the health of humans as well as the environment. This regulation entered into force on June 1st, 2007.

Esterline Souriau, aware of the various obligations arising out of this regulation, has implemented a monitoring process.

Esterline Souriau conducted an inventory of substances, mixtures and articles that we use or manufacture, as well as their origin. At the end of this analysis and in view of REACH regulation, Esterline Souriau must be considered as a user of substances, but the articles it produces, when used normally, are not intended to release substances.

In accordance with article 33 of the REACH regulation, Esterline Souriau is required to inform its customers about any item manufactured or sold with a concentration of substances exceeding 0.1% weight by weight, according to the candidate list dated June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 (169 substances). Esterline Souriau will transmit the necessary information within a period of 45 days.

**Cadmium** (CAS No.: 7440-43-9 - EINECS No: 231-152-8) has been put on this candidate list (June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013), and as a result, some cadmium plated SOURIAU connector ranges are impacted where a concentration limit of 0.1% weight by weight is exceeded.

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Following the publication of the Regulation 348/2013/EU, the following dates have been established in order to prohibit the use of hexavalent chromium (Cr VI):

- The date of submission of applications for authorization: March 21, 2016.
- The sunset date from which the substance may not be used without obtaining an authorization of use: September 21, 2017.

Esterline Souriau, member of CMG “Connectors Manufacturers Group” submitted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2016, a joint application for authorisation for the use of chromium VI compounds beyond the Sunset Date, to ECHA

The application for authorisation on the use of Chromium VI compounds covers three uses:

- Use 1: Passivation on cadmium
- Use 2: Diverse passivations
- Use 3: Etching of composites

In the event of a risk identification that is likely to affect supplies to our customers, related to the discontinuation of the supply of a substance, Esterline Souriau will communicate, as soon as possible, all necessary information.

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