

## Lead Sheet and REACH

### What is REACH?

REACH is a new European Union regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals. It came into force on 1st June 2007 and replaces a number of European Directives and Regulations with a single system.

When does registration of materials take effect? – 1st December 2010

Does it apply to metals? – yes even though the original target was chemicals

Is lead sheet regarded as being manufactured or produced? – no lead sheet is regarded as being recycled and as a downstream use of the metal

Have all the uses of lead sheet been identified? – yes, the major uses have been identified

Have all the risks in using lead sheet been assessed? – yes a comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken covering lead products

Are there risks associated with using lead sheet? – no, the comprehensive risk assessment identified three points of concern and recommended simple solutions

Are these three solutions published? – yes, the Lead Sheet Association have produced a short guide to managing these: “Solutions For Environmental Concerns”

Will there be a Safety Data Sheet available for Lead Sheet? – yes, in due course a safety data sheet will be available

Is there any Data sheet available now? – yes from members of the LSA