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VULCAN FEP/PFA ENCAPSULATED O-RINGS REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SILICONE/VITON INNER CORE & FEP/PFA ENCAPSULATION

FEP/PFA Encapsulation

- **FDA**

The clear TEFLON FEP/PFA Encapsulation of our CHEM-RING Encapsulated 'O' Ring complies with Part 177 of Title 21 of the Food and Drug Administration regulations for safe use as articles or components of articles for producing, manufacturing, processing, preparing, treating, packing, transporting or holding food in accordance with FDA regulation 21.CFR.177.1550.

- **3A® Sanitary Standard**

Further, we can advise that Table One of number 20-22 3A® Sanitary Standard documents that FEP and PFA materials, to the previously mentioned FDA 21.CFR.177.1550 Compliance standard, is also compliant to this 3A® Sanitary Standard Number 20-22.

- **USP Class VI**

Teflon® FEP/PFA fluoropolymers have been tested in accordance with USP Protocol and meet the requirements of a USP Class VI plastic.



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• EU VO 1935/2004

Vulcan Engineering Ltd has researched and evaluated BFR documentation especially "Recommendations of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment on Plastics intended to come in to contact with Food".

The principle underlying this Regulation is that any material or article intended to come into contact directly or indirectly with food must be sufficiently inert to preclude substances from being transferred to food in quantities large enough to endanger human health or to bring about an unacceptable change in the composition of the food or a deterioration in its organoleptic properties.

On our Encapsulated 'O' Rings, the outer encapsulate is a FEP or PFA melt processable polymer of P.T.F.E. (otherwise known as the brand Teflon®). These material P.T.F.E polymers are highly inert and are utilised intensively in industrial Food Processing, and Domestic Food cooking equipment.

Vulcan FEP / PFA Encapsulated 'O' Rings Encapsulate materials and their manufacture are compliant with all relevant sections 1 to 21 of the E.C Regulation Number 1935/2004 and the subsequent Articles.

We are pleased to advise that FEP/PFA Encapsulated 'O' rings are compliant to EU VO 1935/2004 certification.

Silicone Core

• FDA

The Silicone core of our CHEM-RING Encapsulated 'O' Ring complies with Part 177 of Title 21 of the Food and Drug Administration regulations for safe use as articles or components of articles for producing, manufacturing, processing, preparing, treating, packing, transporting or holding food in accordance with FDA regulation 21.CFR.177.2600. Vulcan Chem-Rings with an FDA compliant Silicone core are supplied from stock as standard and at no extra charge.

• Restriction of Hazardous Substances (ROHS)

The restrictions of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (ROHS) Directives 2002/95/EC and 2002/96/EG came into force on 1st July 2006. Vulcan recognise these requirements and declare that all Silicone Encapsulated 'O' rings sold by Vulcan Engineering Limited do comply with the European Directives.



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- **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)**

The EU Regulations (EC 1907/2006) came into force on 1st June 2007. Vulcan Engineering Limited are familiar with the European Regulation on chemicals being the producer of products from raw materials. The elements of our product that could be considered chemical based are in actual fact rubber, being Silicone, and is classified in the Regulations as polymers and is therefore exempt.

Viton ® Core

- **FDA**

The Viton core of our CHEM-RING Encapsulated 'O' Ring complies with Part 177 of Title 21 of the Food and Drug Administration regulations for safe use as articles or components of articles for producing, manufacturing, processing, preparing, treating, packing, transporting or holding food in accordance with FDA regulation 21.CFR.177.2600. Vulcan Chem-Rings with an FDA compliant Viton core are supplied from stock as standard and at no extra charge.

- **Restriction of Hazardous Substances (ROHS)**

The restrictions of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (ROHS) Directives 2002/95/EC and 2002/96/EG came into force on 1st July 2006. Vulcan recognise these requirements and declare that all Viton Encapsulated 'O' rings sold by Vulcan Engineering Limited do comply with the European Directives.

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The EU Regulations (EC 1907/2006) came into force on 1st June 2007. Vulcan Engineering Limited are familiar with the European Regulation on chemicals being the producer of products from raw materials. The elements of our product that could be considered chemical based are in actual fact rubber, being Viton®, and is classified in the Regulations as polymers and is therefore exempt.



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