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To whom it may concern

**REACH** is the acronym of "**R**egistration, **E**valuation and **A**uthorisation of **Ch**emicals". This new legislation was approved by the European Parliament and by the Council of Ministers on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.

The purpose of REACH is to ensure that the use of chemical substances and their potential effect on health and environment are properly assessed.

As a result, each importer or user of chemical substances in Europe will have an obligation to register with the European chemicals agency especially created for this purpose. The process begins with a period of six months in the course of which pre-registration must be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Registered substances will then be assessed and, their use approved or restricted. The use of unregistered substances will be forbidden.

Our position with regard to REACH, including SVHC (2018) is as follows:

- The regulations are known to our Company and a team is in place to follow their development and deal with their application to our own activities and products.
- We are not user or importer of chemical substances as defined in REACH, but such substances are used by suppliers of some products we purchase ; for example in special additives or cleaning materials. For this reason we have an active dialogue with all our suppliers to ensure that the substances they use will be properly registered and regulated on time.
- As the process of ensuring our own suppliers meet the requirements of REACH progresses, we will keep our own customers informed, and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure continued supply of our own products in accordance with the requirements of the regulations.

Please contact us should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

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