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Dear Customer,

Univar supplies substances requiring registration under REACH as well as materials that do not fall within the scope of REACH and substances that are exempted from REACH. Our European suppliers have confirmed that the substances within their products have either been pre-registered or are exempt from registration requirements. In addition, Univar has pre-registered substances that we manufacture or import that have not been covered by a non-European supplier's 'Only Representative'. As a result, we can confirm that **all substances supplied by Univar that need to be pre-registered have been.**

The pre-registration number generated by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) is specific to the supplier and substance. It is not part of the communication requirements under the REACH Regulations and, as there is no legal requirement to pass this pre-registration number down the supply chain, many manufacturers will not be sharing it downstream. There is no requirement for the pre-registration numbers to be disclosed to continue using products sourced from Europe. It is sufficient to identify the supplier as being established within Europe.

The REACH Regulation requires changes to both the layout and content of safety data sheets. However, safety data sheets issued before 1st June 2007 are still valid and most will remain valid beyond 1st December 2010. Any necessary modifications shall be made during the next significant revision of the safety data sheet.

Univar does supply certain Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) which are clearly identified and sold under their chemical name or a recognized trade name. Otherwise, products supplied by Univar do not contain appreciable quantities of any SVHC. We have also checked the REACH status of all containers and packaging we import and use: all are articles that are not intended to release substances and do not contain appreciable quantities of any SVHC.

Univar is following the recommendations from **CEFIC/FECC** on the **Use Descriptor System** developed by **ECHA*** and we request that our customers adopt this standard format when communicating uses. The process will involve manufacturers/importers producing a list of known and supported uses for a substance and passing this information downstream. In turn we will inform our customers of the supported uses. We request that our customers check that their uses are included and then inform us of any that are missing so we can discuss how to proceed.

Univar continues to work alongside its manufacturers and importers to ensure continued availability of chemicals for our customers. As we may supply chemicals from different suppliers across Europe, should you require any more information please contact us via your usual Univar contact.

(*) In the framework of the REACH *Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment*¹, a "Use Descriptor System" based on four elements has been developed.

¹ http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/docs/guidance_document/information_requirements_en.htm