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Dear Customer,

Substances that are within scope of the 2010 REACH registration deadline require manufacturers and importers to submit their registrations to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) by the end of November. ECHA will take some time to evaluate the information within these registration submissions and will issue registration numbers in due course. Once the manufacturer or importer receives the registration number for their substance, they can prepare the updated SDS or extended SDS (eSDS) as necessary.

During this period, substances can continue to be used for their existing uses; once advised of an exposure scenario on an eSDS, customers will need to comply with the advice or restrictions given on that eSDS within 12 months of receipt of the eSDS. Substances that are not classified as dangerous using the criteria in the Classification, Labelling and Packaging regulations (CLP) will not require specific exposure scenarios or an eSDS and will normally continue to be used for their existing applications.

Substances on their own which are classified as dangerous using the criteria in the CLP regulations will need their SDS updated and re-issued to show the new classifications and to comply with the changes to Annex II of the REACH regulations. Univar has already started work on this process and will continue so that we comply with the legislated deadline of 1st December 2010.

Many of these substances will also need to be registered under REACH by the end of November 2010. Some suppliers have already registered their substances and are now working on producing the exposure scenarios that will be annexed to the SDS. Many suppliers will not have their registration numbers or exposure scenarios in time for the SDS change deadline so will need to update their SDS for the classification changes by the 1st December and then add the registration numbers and exposure scenarios at a later date; meaning SDS will need to be re-issued when the exposure scenarios are completed.

Univar continues to work alongside its manufacturers and importers to ensure continued availability of chemicals for our customers. Should you require any more information please contact us via your usual Univar contact.