

Lommel, January 2017.

Dear Valued Customer,

**Subject: REACH<sup>1</sup> – letter 22 - Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) - candidate list 12-01-2017**

One aspect of REACH<sup>1</sup>, known as Annex XIV, will list the **Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)** that will be subject to the authorization procedure. Once it is included in Annex XIV, a substance cannot be actively marketed or used after a date specified in the Annex (known as the “sunset date”), unless the company is granted an authorization for its use.

A new Candidate List with **4 substances** identified as SVHC and therefore likely to be included in Annex XIV, was **published on the ECHA website January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017** (This list can be found at the ECHA website under the following link: <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-table> ). As your supplier, we are aware that this publication may have legal obligations for you and your downstream users. Any supplier of an article in the EU/EEA will have to communicate the presence of any of the SVHCs in that article in an amount of more than 0.1% (w/w).

**We do not expect these substances<sup>2</sup> to be present in the vast majority of our products.** However, we have restarted communication with our suppliers and we expect to be able to inform all our customers in due time about the possible presence of SVHC substances<sup>2</sup>. If it appears that one of the grades we supply to you contains one or more of the mentioned SVHC substances<sup>2</sup>, we will inform you immediately. As such you will be able to fulfill your legal obligations to inform your customers within 45 days after publication of the candidate list.

In the mean time we wish to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> EU regulation 2006/1907/EC

<sup>2</sup> Substances mentioned in the ECHA candidate list dd. 12/01/2017

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