

San Giorgio di Piano, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject: REACH legislation (1907/2006/EC)**

Dear Customer,

After a long period of build-up, consultation and discussion, new legislation for the **Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals** - commonly referred to as **REACH**, has come into force effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.

As a long-standing and responsible manufacturer of chemical additive systems for PVC and related thermoplastics, Reagens has been carefully following this process, and is now compiling an inventory of all the chemicals concerned that will be the starting point of the legal process.

The **pre-registration** of chemical substances is the first important milestone required by REACH. This process will take place between June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Reagens intends to pre-register all relevant substances that are in our current product portfolio.

This pre-registration will apply to all the "phase-in" substances that are those identified by an EINECS or EILINCS and NLP (No Longer Polymers) number.

By means of the pre-registration, Reagens shows the intention and the will to continue the marketing of the chemicals involved in this stage, even after REACH has come into force.

The final **registration** of all the substances will be carried out in stages linked to tonnage criteria, and according to specific hazard properties that have been detected, evaluated and recognized. This process will take place in a fixed time period between 2010 and 2018.

The registration phase not only requires the collation of all data and information about physico-chemical, toxicological and eco-toxicological properties of substances, but also human (workplace and consumers), and environmental exposure data are assessed for the uses recognized and identified for those substances.

Therefore, in order to meet the criteria within REACH, we need to be fully aware of the applications of the chemicals involved - whether they are single chemicals or preparations - and the resulting exposure scenarios.

We will therefore need to consult you and ask for your co-operation in terms of information-gathering, through the sharing of experimental data, and for the definition of the relevant exposure scenarios.

It might happen that - either for economical reasons, or due to some hazard properties recognized for the human health or for the environment - the final registration of some previously pre-registered substances will be regarded as non-viable.

If this situation arises with any of our products, please be assured that Reagens will inform and advise you in good time, and will offer alternative equivalent solutions in keeping with our own philosophy of continued focus on technical development and ongoing improvement.

Yours faithfully,  
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