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supplies and supply chain solutions

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Object: REACH Regulation N°1907/2006

Dear Supplier

The European "REACH" Regulation N°1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals entered into force on 1 June 2007. While setting new rules for the management of chemical substances, REACH leads to the need for more communication between customers and suppliers on the substances, preparations and articles they buy and sell. Given the new legal requirements, we are writing to you to request some information about substances on their own, in preparations, and in articles that you supply to us, in order to allow us to fulfill our legal obligations under REACH.

As a valued and established supplier in this field I am sure you understand your obligations as a supplier with regards to REACH. If not, you should familiarise yourself with your responsibilities as a matter of urgency. We have tried to help with this with the following guidance.

In order for Bunzl Healthcare to comply with REACH we need to know the following:

1. Your policy towards pre-registration and registration of substances on their own, in preparations or intentionally released from articles. To ensure smooth continuity of business, our common interest is that all substances on their own and/or in preparations and/or intentionally released from articles that you supply to us are preregistered (between 1 June and 1 December 2008) and then registered.
2. For our suppliers outside the European Union (EU), whom you have or will nominate as your "only representative" in the EU, fulfilling the obligations of importers under REACH.
3. Details of the contact person responsible for REACH issues.

These requests are detailed in the additional information of this letter. To facilitate communication, we would suggest that you use the table attached to help you respond.

We thank you for your time and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mel. Williamson
EHS Manager

Additional information

Please complete the following information.

1. Information on pre-registration and registration

You can understand that we need to ensure supply continuity of the input we use, to anticipate possible changes of the substance or preparation we use, as well as process re-approval. For these reasons, we kindly ask you to answer the following questions:

- Your roles as e.g. manufacturer (M), importer (I), distributor (D), downstream user (DU) (including formulators), article supplier (AS) according to the definitions in REACH with regard to the substance/preparation/article you supply to us.
- If you are the registrant, we need to know whether you intend to pre-register and register the substance on their own, in preparations or intentionally released from articles that you supply to us.
- If you are not the registrant, we need to know whether all substances on their own, and/or all substances in preparations and/or all substances intentionally released from articles that you supply to us are intended to be pre-registered and registered by an actor up the supply chain. In case you do not have the information available yet, please inform us by when it will be available (day/month/year). Please also inform us about the registrant's identity.
- If there is no intention to pre-register or register a specific substance, we wish to know if the production and/or commercialisation of the substance or preparation/article containing that substance is to be abandoned, or the composition changed. Please fill in the column "remarks" in the table in Annex II.

2. Suppliers outside the EU

REACH only applies to European Union (EU) based legal entities. If you are a manufacturer, formulator of preparations, producer of articles who exports into the European Union, we recommend that you appoint an "only representative of a non Community manufacturer" (that is an exclusive representative) established in the EU, according to Article 8 of the REACH Regulation. Your only representative will carry out the importers' required REACH obligations. Please let us know whom you have appointed as your "only representative" and forward this letter to him. Thank you.

3. Contact details of the contact person for REACH issues in your company

Please provide details of company personnel responsible for REACH requests.

Name _____ Position _____

Contact details _____

1. Information on pre-registration and registration

Table to be completed by EU suppliers/only representatives of non EU supplier of substances on their own

Name of substance	EINECS or CAS number	Supplier's code	Role In the supply chain	If you are the registrant will you pre-register the substance? (yes/no)	If you are the registrant will you register the substance? (yes/no)	If you are not the registrant: will the substance be pre-registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	If you are not the registrant: will the substance be registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	Remarks
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Table to be completed by EU suppliers/only representatives of non EU supplier of preparations

Name of preparation	Supplier's code	Role In the supply chain	If you are the registrant will you pre-register ALL substances in preparations? (yes/no)	If you are the registrant will you register ALL substances in preparations? (yes/no)	If you are not the registrant will ALL substances in preparations be pre-registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	If you are not the registrant will ALL substances in preparations be registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	Remarks
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Table to be completed by EU suppliers/only representatives of non EU supplier of articles intentionally releasing substances

Name of article	Supplier's code	Role In the supply chain	If you are the registrant will you pre-register ALL substances intentionally released from articles? (yes/no)	If you are the registrant will you register ALL substances intentionally released from articles? (yes/no)	If you are not the registrant will ALL substances be pre-registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	If you are not the registrant will ALL substances be registered up the supply chain? /Information available by (day/month/year) Registrant's identity?	Remarks
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