



Date

Customer name

Address

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Subject: REACH and your business – are you prepared?

Dear Customer,

We would like to draw to your urgent attention the potential impact that a new EU regulation known as REACH could have on your business. REACH is the abbreviation for the name of a new European Union regulation (Reg. 1907/2006¹) covering the **Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of CHemicals** in the European Union. It is the first major legislation worldwide to require the comprehensive registration and evaluation of chemical substances.

We urge you to please consider the following information very carefully and then respond using the attached one page questionnaire. This will help us to determine if any follow-up contacts are required, and if they are, we can communicate with the appropriate person.

IS YOUR BUSINESS AFFECTED BY REACH?

- REACH registration applies to chemicals, not finished “articles” made from chemicals. In our industry, typically “articles” would include vulcanized items such as o-rings, belts, seals, valve seats, gaskets, tubing and hoses. Articles are exempt from registration under REACH.
- Polymers are exempt from registration. However, for all polymers imported into the EU, the monomers used to produce the polymers must be registered if the monomers are present above 2% by weight in the polymer and above 1000 kg per year.
- **Rubber compounds, pre-compounds and adhesives products need to be registered by the Regulation because they still have unreacted chemical constituents.** Each intentional chemical component, no matter the weight percent, above 1000 kg per year within your products must be pre-registered by November 30, 2008, or you will no longer be able to import the product(s) that contain it. However, if there are less than 1000 kg of a given chemical in your total annual EU

¹ For your information, please also refer to the REACH web site of the EU commission:
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOhtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:396:SOM:EN:HTML>

imports, there is no need to pre-register that chemical. Note that the threshold is calculated taking into account all the products you import annually that may contain the chemical.

- Failure to pre-register *even just one* of the chemicals present in your products in an aggregate quantity above the threshold will render *all* of those products containing that chemical unsaleable in the EU after November 30, 2008.
- *Each* importer of a chemical is required to pre-register that chemical if it exceeds the above threshold. So, even if your suppliers are pre-registering *their* imports into the EU, you still have to pre-register *your* imports.
- If you export to the EU but are not the importer of record, your EU customer will need to pre-register as the actual importer.

. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- **The most immediate step you need to take is to pre-register between June 1, 2008 and November 30, 2008.** For pre-registration of each chemical, you will only need certain basic information from your suppliers: the composition of each chemical, including the CAS number(s), and the tonnage band you import into the EU.

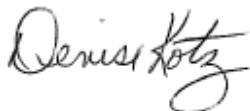
WHAT IS OUR ROLE?

- DuPont Performance Elastomers is committed to meeting the requirements of REACH in full cooperation with our customers and suppliers.
- We are taking the pre-registration steps outlined above with respect to all of our products that we import into or manufacture within the EU.

This letter has been directed to known DPE partners in your company or the general management. If you are not directly concerned by the content of this letter, please forward this information to the most appropriate person in your organization.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, or any other REACH-related subject, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Please complete the following information and return to DPE:

Company name: _____

REACH contact name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax number: _____

Please check any of the following statements that apply to your company:

- We do not import anything into the EU.
- We only import articles into the EU
- We, or our EU customers, import into the EU compounds or adhesives that contain polymers or chemicals purchased from DPE.
- We would like to have more information on REACH

Please return this page with the information filled out above to the attention of:

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