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Periodical information on REACH activities for Collano Group customers

As of June 1, 2008, the European Chemicals Agency in Helsinki accepts pre-registrations for chemical substances that are already known (phase-in substances) and, starting in 2009, will require registration accompanied by the documentation demanded by REACH. The purpose of the pre-registration procedure is to initiate "Substance Information Exchange Forums" on the basis of multiple pre-registrations. In these forums, companies that pre-register the same substance are brought together in project groups.

Sole importer for the EU

Collano has designated its German subsidiary in D-21614 Buxtehude as the sole importer of its products into the EU. It is planned to handle all contacts with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki through Collano Xiro GmbH in Buxtehude.

For our customers domiciled in the EU, this means:

1. After the full implementation of REACH, they will not have to act as importers in their own right because in legal terms they receive our products from our subsidiary in Buxtehude.
2. The above statements are based on current information provided by our suppliers. Please take note that binding statements can only be issued after conclusion of the pre-registration phase i.e. by the end of 2008. Only then will we definitely know whether all our suppliers have completed the promised pre-registrations.

Pre-registration

Contrary to earlier assumptions, the European Chemicals Agency recommends all downstream users outside of the EU who purchase pre-registered substances from the EU and re-import them back into the EU in formulations to pre-register these as well. This

ensures that the registration deferment for phase-in products remains in effect in case of missing pre-registration by the supplier. Collano Xiro GmbH will therefore pre-register all raw materials for which the necessary data is made available by the suppliers. For raw materials whose composition is not disclosed to us, we require the supplier to submit a written statement that they will be pre-registered.

Customers may thus rest assured that all Collano products will be available before and after the conclusion of the pre-registration phase.

Information regarding the application of our products by customers who are downstream users

The scope of application of our products covered by our liability pursuant to REACH and for which we establish and assess exposure scenarios if needed (potential hazard) is indicated on the respective technical data sheets and/or the safety data sheets.

Should you intend to use one of our products outside these approved scopes of application, please contact our sales division.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



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