



Dear Valued Customer,

We are pleased to respond to your request regarding 3M's compliance with the European Regulation "REACH" (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals).

As a matter of policy, 3M supports and promotes the fundamental principles of REACH, including but not limited to, the goals of life cycle management, product safety, sustainable development, and effective risk communication to employees and customers.

3M has been actively preparing to meet the requirements of REACH, which entered into force on June 1, 2007. We recognise that this Regulation will have a significant impact on companies that make or sell products in the EU.

We have the pleasure to announce that 3M has completed a major milestone by successfully pre-registering all substances known by 3M to be manufactured in, or imported into the EU by 3M. In cases where 3M is a downstream user, 3M is working closely with its suppliers to minimize potential negative impacts on 3M's supply chain.

In order to continue this work, 3M is fully dedicated to getting further prepared for its own and its suppliers' registrations. During this ongoing process, 3M continues to be committed to putting significant effort into avoiding any supply chain disruption and will inform its customers in case of any significant impact on product availability.

In terms of pre-registration communication, 3M is of the opinion that the communication of pre-registration numbers would contribute only marginally to the overall product compliance/availability communication for the following reasons:

- Pre-registration numbers are assigned to substances, not to articles and preparations.
- Not all substances will be assigned a pre-registration number. A pre-registration number will not be assigned to substances that are not a phase-in substance; that are manufactured or imported below one tone per year or that are exempt from REACH.
- 3M's suppliers will not always communicate to 3M the pre-registration numbers of substances where 3M is a downstream user. 3M cannot compel them to do so as there is no legal requirement requiring such communication.

Please note that in this context, CEFIC, the European Chemical Industry Council, recommends that companies carefully consider the communication of these numbers through the supply chain.

In the area of SVHCs, 3M is continuing to take the necessary actions to be prepared for/minimize the impact of candidate list substance communication, article notification, authorisation, and restriction activities.

3M recognises the importance of ongoing communications with its customers about REACH. Therefore, we look forward to a further dialogue with you including communication on use and exposure information that is expected once industry has progressed further on the standardisation and harmonisation of the communication process and its tools.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

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