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to all Customers

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Customer information on the further use of chromium trioxide after 21.9.2017 ("Sunset-Date")

Dear Customer,


Since the "Sunset-Date" (21.09.2017) further utilization of chromium trioxide is limited to such use authorized by the European Commission.

Our supplier guarantees that all chromium trioxide used is obtained from members of the CTACSub consortium. This consortium sought accreditation in due time and received authorization under the REACH regulation for six uses of chromium trioxide. As a downstream user our usage is ensured by these applications for approval.

In September 2016 the ECHA committees for risk assessment (RAC) and socio-economic analysis (SEAC) recommended to the European Commission to grant admission for all applied uses by the CTACSub consortium. A final decision by the European Commission is still awaited.

Until the final decision of the European Commission is made we are authorized in accordance with article 58(1)(c)(ii) REACH to continue manufacturing with chromium trioxide as long as all of the resources within our company are directly or indirectly obtained by one of the seven CTACSub members. Furthermore, the usage needs to be within the scope of the application approvals.

We are pleased to answer further questions.


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