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To REACH contact person of all suppliers

Subject: Request to clarify your intentions under REACH (EC Regulation on chemicals).

Further to our awareness letter attached, in which we inform you of the new European Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), which entered into force on 1 June 2007, it is now time for you to clarify your intentions.

As we already explained in our awareness letter, REACH affects all industries. As the Automotive Industry (AI) is made up of vehicle manufacturers and many tiers of the supply chain, it has several roles and obligations under REACH. Action is required from the OEMs and suppliers, some immediately and some over the coming 11 years and beyond.

It is of key importance that all actors in the supply chain understand their duties and perform necessary actions in a timely manner in order to avoid supply chain disruption. A helpful planning tool is the Automotive Industry Guideline (AIG) on REACH, the second version (v2.0) of which was released in early 2008. The latest version of the AIG is available to download free of charge at: www.acea.be/reach. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are changes from the first version of the AIG, especially the 8-step compliance schedule (Chapter 6).

Please find enclosed a questionnaire based on the tasks recommended in the AIG compliance schedule. We kindly ask you to fill it in and reply as soon as possible, but not later than **30 June 2008** to [sender's REACH contact details]. In order to answer these questions, we expect that you will need to cascade them down your supply chain and receive the answers back by this date. The aim of this communication is to create a standardised response, which will minimise the duplication of effort when responding to each of your customers.

We are only asking you to confirm your intentions, so please consider this questionnaire a chance to further improve our business relationship. A late or incomplete response would raise concerns that our common legal responsibilities under REACH are at risk and may mean that we are forced to consider looking for an alternative supplier.

Please note that answering the attached questions does not mean that you are REACH compliant. However, in responding you will build confidence in our mutual ability to comply with REACH.

Regards

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REACH: Standard Communication Along the Supply Chain¹

[Date]

Declaration of intent for REACH implementation

You may have different responses for different “products” supplied to us (which can be Substances, Preparations or Articles according to REACH terminology) and you may need to send a separate sheet for each category of products. Please tick the box(es) for the products covered by this sheet:

Substances Preparations Articles

1. We (the supplier) confirm that we understand our obligations under REACH.
Yes No

2. If our company is located outside the EU/EEA we will ensure that you, our customer, do not need to act as importer under REACH e.g. by nominating an only representative. We answer questions 3-8 on behalf of our importer/only representative.
Yes No

3. The intention is that all substances in the products we supply to you, which require registration, will be pre-registered by us or an actor further up our supply chain.
Yes (If yes, go to Q5) No

4. We will send a list of “products” supplied to you for which there are substances that are not intended to be pre-registered.
Yes No

5. We confirm, or have confirmed with the actors in our supply chain, that the intention is to register for your use(s) the substances that we/they pre-register.
Yes No

6. By 30 November 2008, we will send you a list of all “products” that contain substances likely to be included in the candidate list (see guidance and tools in step 6.1 of the AIG compliance schedule and REACH Article 57).
Yes No None expected

7. We will send you a list of all “products” that contain substances on the candidate list within 45 days of its publication, or confirmation that there are none (see step 6.3 of the AIG compliance schedule and Article 57).
Yes No

8. We will have a dialogue with you and our suppliers regarding safe use and risk management measures (RMMs) for the substances and preparations we supply to you.
Yes No Not applicable

Further comments (use additional sheets if necessary).....

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