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To : Companies in the Plastics Value Chain

Subject : PEST (Plastics Exposure Scenario Team) is facilitating the identification, assessment and registration of uses foreseen in the REACH regulation

Dear Sir or Madam,

REACH implementation is speeding up and specific duties regarding uses reporting have to be fulfilled through the whole plastic supply chain, according to Article 37.2. It is important that these uses are appropriately identified, documented and their safety assessed so that the additives can safely continue to be used in the future.

The Plastics Exposure Scenario Team (PEST), representing the plastic supply chain with the most important associations representing additive manufacturers/importers , compounders, masterbatchers, plastics converters and plastics producers, is fully aware and supporting the fact that plastics downstream users:

- want to maximize the chances that their uses will be covered in the registration dossiers by reporting their uses, in line with Article 37(2) to their suppliers, before 1 December 2009,
- also need confirmation that their uses will be assessed.

However uncontrolled and heterogeneous communication would create unnecessary work and be counterproductive.

By end October 2009, PEST will provide instructions to plastics converting companies in order to identify their uses to their suppliers as part of a generic, unified and standardized industry approach.

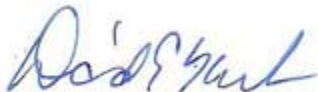
PEST is working, with financial and manpower support of the attached list of EU industry federations on developing Generic Exposure Scenarios under which most of the plastics additives in applications and processes can be considered safe. Those Generic Exposure Scenarios shall be the basis for the manufacturer's and importer's registration dossiers to be submitted by 1 December 2010 to the European Chemical Agency for high volume substances (more than 1000 tons). Frequent reporting will be made on the applications that can be considered as safe.

The first task of PEST is to map most end applications, processes and substances used in the industry. It is foreseen that only a limited number of unique or niche uses would not be considered in the scope of this project.

Until that time **expanding and validating a standardized list of uses is key for ensuring an efficient, cost and time effective communication in the supply chain. Companies are therefore invited to contact their National or Sectoral association** in order to make sure that the appropriate input will be provided during this mapping exercise.

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Yours sincerely,



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