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Subject: Ashland / Hercules REACH Pre-Registration confirmation

Dear Customer,

We are pleased to inform you that Ashland has successfully completed and/or verified with suppliers the necessary REACH Pre-Registration of chemical substances* used in products that we manufacture, market and sell in the European Union (EU). This ensures that there will be no disruptions in the supply of our products on the European markets. The following information is provided to further detail Ashland's position concerning requests to communicate pre-registration numbers to customers as confirmation of successful Pre-Registration.

For each substance that was Pre-Registered, Ashland receives a submission number and a "reference number" from ECHA. These numbers are used as administrative references to identify each substance as it moves from Pre-Registration through the final Registration process. Under REACH there is no longer a general listing of chemicals, as existed previously under EINECS. Instead, Pre-Registration (and Registration) is specific to individual manufacturers / importers. As a result, substances that are pre-registered by many manufacturers / importers will have multiple reference numbers (e.g., styrene monomer has over 3 500 reference numbers).

REACH Pre-Registration numbers for each substance will not be publicly available and, as a result, they cannot be used by third parties to confirm pre-registration. Additionally, because REACH is focused on the substance level, compositional information of Ashland's products and preparations, which can be identified by CAS numbers, will not be communicated, as this information is considered confidential and proprietary business information.

Customers that are interested to review the REACH status of the specific products (including tradenames) purchased from Ashland, confirm that pre-registration of related substances is complete, or registration is exempted, can access this information through the product search tool on the Ashland REACH Web site at <http://reachquicksearch.ashland.com>.

If you have questions regarding Pre-Registration or any other REACH-related subject, please contact us via your Ashland representative or send us an e-mail at REACH@ashland.com.

Kind regards,



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* No pre-registration / registration will be required where particular substances are exempted from registration (e.g., substances listed in Annex 4; or, where manufacture / imported volumes are less than 1 tonne per annum).

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: While it is our intention to Pre-Register and Register those substances manufactured and imported by Ashland in the EU, we cannot guarantee or absolutely commit to future Registration. Ashland's product portfolio is subject to continual evaluation and optimization based on market and customer needs, including market size and profitability. Ashland retains the right to discontinue any product, and no rights can be derived from this publication and Ashland disclaims any liability for any errors or omissions.