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Subject: REACH

Dear customer,

We are receiving a number of questionnaires from our customers and suppliers, asking us questions in relation to the implementation of the REACH Regulation 1907/2006/EC on chemicals.

DuPont Performance Coatings is compliant with the obligations of the REACH regulation. Regarding the current key items, we would like to provide the following information:

1. Pre-Registration:

Our products consist of materials purchased on the EU market, as well as substances that we manufacture ourselves or import. For manufactured and imported substances, DuPont has completed pre-registration. For those materials we buy from suppliers, declarations of intent to pre-register have been received in all cases. We therefore expect all necessary raw materials to be available until at least 30 November 2010. (Depending on the substance, the registration deadline may be 30.11.2010, 31.05.2013 or 31.05.2018).

2. Substances of Very High Concern

With exception of a few products that do contain lead-chromate pigments and which are already labelled accordingly, our products do not contain substances on the Candidate List* of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), above the legal threshold. This statement is based on our current knowledge as we received the information from our suppliers. * As published on the ECHA website on 13th January 2010, http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp.

For the lead-chromate containing products DPC Refinish has alternatives available that are not impacted and we continuously pursue our general strategy to adjust our offer to avoid the use of SHVCs.

3. Intended Release


Our Coating products do not contain substances that with respect to the coating film of articles, are intended to be released.

4. Safety Data Sheets

Our SDS's are continuously adapted to the current state of Reach implementation. We expect significant changes to become necessary towards the end of each of the three substance registration deadlines, as substances relevant to our preparations are registered. This also concerns the "intended use" that must be included in the substance registration dossier.

We hope that this document will provide you with all information that you would need at this stage from us, for developing your own preparation to REACH. Should you need more clarification we kindly ask you to address your questions via the usual contacts you have to DPC or to the contact from which you have received this document.

Yours faithfully,



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