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Dear DEHP user,

Nomination for REACH authorisation of DEHP

On 30 June 2008, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published a list of chemical substances nominated by European Union national governments for inclusion on the REACH authorisation "candidate list".

As expected, Bis 2-ethyl(hexyl)phthalate (DEHP) is included on the list of nominated substances and will probably be included on the eventual Candidate List itself.

This is in line with what we told you during our customer events at the end of last year.

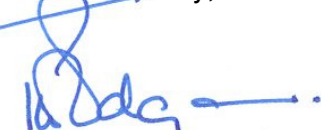
The nomination of DEHP is the start of a long regulatory process. ECHA will now examine whether the nominated substances meet the criteria established under REACH for substances that are subject to authorisation. The substances shall then enter on a "candidate list", which will be made available on the European Chemicals Agency website in October 2008.

In a final step, producers and/or users will have to seek an authorisation for their continued production and use of the substances in Europe. This is currently expected to take place in 2012 at the earliest.

You can continue to use DEHP with confidence. DEHP producers remain committed to the production and use of the substance in Europe. The results of the European Union's Risk Assessment of DEHP, conducted under the Existing Substances Regulation EEC 793/93, have proven that any risks arising from the production and use of DEHP can be adequately controlled. On this basis, DEHP should receive an authorisation for the vast majority of its uses.

DEHP producers commit to keeping you informed throughout the authorisation process. You can find further information on the process on the DEHP Information Centre website: www.dehp-facts.com

Yours sincerely,



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