COMPANY LETTERHEAD OR EMAIL

TO BE SENT TO ALL UK-BASED CHEMICALS AND PARTS SUPPLIERS

Dear Supplier,

**Chemicals regulations in the event of a “no deal” Brexit**

In light of the current uncertainty concerning the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, we wish to draw your attention to the Technical Notices[[1]](#endnote-1), [[2]](#endnote-2) that the UK government has published to explain how businesses producing, registering, importing or exporting chemicals would be affected, and the actions they will need to take to maintain continuity of supplies, if the UK leaves the EU on 29 March 2019 with no deal.

In general terms, the UK government plans to copy the existing EU REACH Regulation[[3]](#endnote-3) and other European Union chemicals regulations into UK law, which could create new requirements for some companies. As well as setting out the framework for UK REACH after the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the Technical Notices also include the actions that companies should take in the following scenarios:

* UK-based EU REACH registration holder wishing to maintain UK market access;
* UK-based downstream user or a distributor of an EU REACH registered chemical wishing to maintain UK market access;
* UK importer of chemicals from outside the EU/EEA, or relying on a UK importer for supply from outside the EU/EEA, and wishing to maintain EU/EEA market access;
* UK-based REACH authorisation holder wishing to maintain use or supply for a use in the UK;
* UK downstream user of a REACH authorisation held by an EU/EEA-based company, wishing to maintain use or supply for a use in the UK;
* UK company awaiting an ECHA or EU Commission decision.

In order to protect ongoing business, we strongly urge you to do the following:

* Study the Technical Notices and ensure that you understand the scenarios and actions that apply to your business.
* Forward this letter to your suppliers, so that this same message is passed consistently along the supply chain.
* Take the steps appropriate to your business and your regulatory responsibilities and obligations.

In addition, companies wishing to maintain EU/EEA market access will need to take specific actions, as set out in the European Chemicals Agency web pages (<https://echa.europa.eu/uk-withdrawal-from-the-eu>).

If you are a member of the UK Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), you can access SMMT’s Brexit readiness programme for further advice. Information can be found at: <https://www.smmt.co.uk/member-services/brexit-readiness-programme/>.

In case of questions, please contact XXXXXX (tel. XXXXXXXX; email [xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx)).

Sincerely,

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1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulating-chemicals-reach-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/regulating-chemicals-reach-if-theres-no-brexit-deal> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/brexit/uk-reach-additional-guidance.pdf> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/understanding-reach> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)