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Subject: REACH Annex XVII, Restrictions and Ashland

Dear Customer.

The following information is provided to you in response to your request to communicate Ashland's position concerning the Restriction of Substances listed in Annex XVII of REACH.

On June 1, 2009, the Annex XVII of REACH, "Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, preparations and articles," entered into force. This annex replaced Directive 76/769/EEC, which directive already contained restrictions on the use of certain substances and preparations. It is therefore a formal and administrative change. Restrictions that were into force prior to June 1, 2009, will remain effective. The only difference is the legislative reference.

The purpose of the legislation is to restrict the use of substances due to unacceptable health / environmental impacts (the standard phrase in the annex is "shall not be used").

Ashland can confirm that it complies with this part of the REACH legislation and substances listed in the Annex XVII are restricted in use, if at all present in the Ashland product portfolio.

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

Kind regards,

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