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REACH TEAM

To our Customers, Suppliers and other Business Partners

REACH PRE-REGISTRATION COMPLETED IN YARA

Yara has now completed the extensive pre-registration of chemical substances according to the new European Chemicals Regulation REACH.

Manufactured and imported substances pre-registered

All Yara companies with manufacturing or importing operations affected by REACH have pre-registered their REACH-relevant substances in the European Chemical Agency's REACH-IT database.

Based on a review of our product portfolio and an inventory of all our products and suppliers, we have now completed pre-registrations covering all those businesses of Yara today that we consider to be affected by REACH. All relevant Yara manufactured substances have been pre-registered, as well as critical imported substances necessary to ensure continuity of the Yara business. In order to enable availability of our current product range to our customers during the REACH phase-in period, we are also liaising with our suppliers to ensure that the raw materials we use and all substances supplied to us are also REACH compliant. Where any future change in our product portfolio becomes necessary as a result of any actions or omissions by anyone in our supply chain, we aim to inform those of our customers who are likely to be affected by any such change in due time.

Since most Yara products are preparations or mixtures of various substances of which some will be exempted from registration, a number of our final products will not have pre-registration numbers. Due to this, coupled with the fact that the pre-registration numbers are automatically generated and will not necessarily have any specific connection with any particular substance or company, we have decided not to communicate pre-registration numbers externally.

Further actions

We will now be reviewing in more detail our product range to ensure compliance with the specific registration requirements that apply to the different volume bands set up in the REACH Regulation. What we can say at this stage is that most of the substances Yara deals with are manufactured or imported in volumes greater than 1000 tonnes/annum and as such the relevant registration deadline for those substances is 1 December 2010.

For substances requiring Chemical Safety Assessment, we will be contacting our customers in an effort to ensure coverage of their uses of and exposure to the products they are buying from Yara. The relevant deadline for identifying uses is, for most substances, late 2009. As for uses of chemicals supplied to us, we also aim to inform our suppliers about our uses within the relevant timeframe provided for in the REACH Regulation. We will then produce chemical safety reports and create exposure scenarios for our substances as required by the REACH guidance documents.

We will also participate in the activities within relevant Trade Associations, and would also recommend our business partners to do so as well, in an effort to perform this major task in as smooth and efficient a way as possible.

Information and contact

If you need further information and have questions regarding specific products in Yara's product range, please contact your sales / purchasing contact person within Yara in the first instance. If you have questions relating more generally to the REACH Regulation and its relevance to Yara products, please first contact our REACH team at 'REACH@yara.com' or, failing that, Susanne Snartland, Coordinator REACH, HESQ & Product Stewardship, Yara International ASA, PO Box 2500, N-3908 Porsgrunn, Norway (E-mail: susanne.snartland@yara.com - Phone: +47-90840571).

Yours faithfully

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