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Dear Sirs,

A new European chemicals policy, **REACH**, has been adopted in Brussels.

Our company is aware of the importance of this European regulation that will enter into force on June 1st 2007 and of the obligations of pre-registration and registration of chemical substances manufactured or imported within European Union. Dehon Group has been actively supporting in Brussels the downstream users' interests between 2000 and 2006. Climalife has prepared to help you implement **REACH**.

**REACH** is a complex text that has significant impacts on all manufacturers, importers, distributors or downstream users of these chemical substances. Therefore, a close collaboration of all supply chain actors is necessary.

However, we draw your attention on the registration process that will extend over 9 years (2009 → 2018) depending on tonnages. Except for tonnages over 1 000t or substances of high concern (*carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic for reproduction, very persistent, very bioaccumulable etc...*), there is no urgency to validate that the registration has started. Climalife will be very vigilant with its suppliers (*European and non European*) to ensure you a continuous supply of its pure and formulated product range. We do not envisage, as of today, any suppression by 2010.

The formal communication with users will evolve over these 9 years, especially concerning the Security Data Sheet (*exposure scenario*). We wait for the R.I.P (*REACH Implementation Program = Commission Technical Guidance*) results, in order to give you a more precise and concrete information. Moreover, Dehon Group participates, in FECC's name (*European Association of Chemical Distributors*) to RIP 3.5, technical guidance for downstream users.

Finally, in spring of 2008, we will propose you training sessions summarizing the REACH main obligations for users of solvents, detergents, electronic assembly products, aerosols propellants, foam expansion mixes etc...

Please be ensured of our determination to help you with this new European change.

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