

## REACH – Use Confirmation for Customers

Dear customer,

As a buyer and user of chemicals you are regarded as a “Downstream User” by the REACH Regulation. One of your main duties as a Downstream User is to ensure that the chemicals in your operational processes are used safely.

According to the REACH regulation you have the right to make your use known to your supplier with the aim of making it an “identified use”. To allow efficient exchange of information on uses the chemical industry has designed a standardized process of Use Alignment.

This Use Alignment Process will guarantee that as many uses as are currently identified will be considered for registration. In the first phase of this process the manufacturers/importers have identified a set of uses for each substance. These uses are indicated and communicated by means of the standardized Use Descriptor System developed by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

For the purpose of smooth and efficient information exchange within the Use Alignment Process Brenntag has developed a solution that enables an easy communication of uses with its customers and suppliers. Within the scope of the Use Alignment you are receiving this e-mail which communicates the identified uses based on the Use Descriptor System via the attached Adobe Interactive Form. This form in return gives you the opportunity to make your uses known to Brenntag and its upstream supplier, i.e. to communicate “additional” uses, in case they are not already identified.

**We kindly ask you** to check which of the uses listed in attached Adobe Interactive Form apply to your operational process by ticking corresponding boxes. In cases where you find no proposed use appropriate we kindly ask you to indicate your “additional” use(s). For reply please use attached Form which is explicitly designed for this purpose.

**Timing:** Manufacturers/Importers have the obligation to take uses into account if being communicated to them at least 12 months before the registration deadline, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009. In order to allow us sufficient time to forward additional uses to our suppliers, we kindly ask you to **reply by 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2009** at the latest. In case we do not receive any feedback from you we will presume that your uses are identified.

For more detailed information about the Use Alignment Process please visit Brenntag’s REACH dedicated website. Should you have any specific questions, please address them to your Brenntag sales contact person.

Kind regards

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