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Re: REACH Regulation

Dear Customer,

The aim of this letter is to give you some information regarding the **EU's directive REACH** (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), which came into effect on 1st June 2008. In accordance with the guidelines of REACH, it is obligatory for every importer or manufacturer of chemicals in the EU (in quantities of at least one tonne per year), to compile a registration report identifying and managing the risks involved with those chemicals. The legislation applies to all individual substances on their own, in preparations or in articles.

Finsa is fully committed to complying with the Regulation and **is well aware of its obligations regarding REACH**. As a producer of timber products, Finsa is considered a *Downstream User**; therefore **is not obliged to register any substance**. The registry and pre-registry of chemical products applies only to those companies who import or manufacture them.

Nevertheless, concerning the obligations of Downstream Users, Finsa is doing everything in its power to comply with the following:

- **Ensuring that its suppliers pre-register all substances used in their production process.** To guarantee this, Finsa has contacted all its suppliers, identifying what substances they use, to ensure that they do pre-register them and are working in compliance with REACH and within the guidelines set out.

In short, Finsa will only ever use raw materials that are pre-registered and authorised for their specific use.

- Moreover, Finsa, as a supplier, is obliged to inform customers regarding “high-risk” substances their products may contain (in compliance with REACH Art. 33). Since Finsa does not use any such substance in its production, **it will not be necessary to give such information to customers.**

In order to streamline the information we need to give to customers, Finsa will not respond to individual questionnaires. Instead this document serves to inform all customers of the necessary information with respect to REACH and Finsa's involvement with it.

We hope you will find this information useful.
Best regards,

* Downstream User: Those who use a substance for their own means, with the purpose of manufacturing another substance, preparation or article.

For the purpose of Regulation (EC) N° 1907/2006 REACH, **Article 3 Definitions:**

13) « *Downstream User* »: means any natural or legal person established within the Community, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who uses a substance, either on its own or in a preparation, in the course of his industrial or professional activities. A distributor or a consumer is not a downstream user. A re-importer exempted pursuant to Article 2(7)(c) shall be regarded as a downstream user;