

To whom it may concern

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## Consequences of the UK withdrawal from the EU - REACH update

Dear valued customer!

Your company with its registered office in the United Kingdom is currently supplied with various products from Kuraray Europe GmbH (KEG). Under the European Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 ("EU REACH"), your company is in the role of a downstream user, since it is supplied from an EU based supplier.

As you are certainly aware, the United Kingdom (UK) has officially left of the European Union (EU) with effect of January 31, 2020. During the subsequent transitional period, which is currently due to expire on December 31, 2020, EU REACH will continue to apply in EU as well as in UK.

During the transitional period, the European Union and the United Kingdom will negotiate their future economic cooperation during the months to come. At present, the outcome of these negotiations is completely open, with the consequence that the future degree of a regulatory REACH alignment between EU and UK also remains undetermined. Both alternatives, a regulated scenario as well as a no-deal scenario, are still possible.

Since the legal "REACH framework" after expiration of the transitional period is unclear, Kuraray Europe GmbH currently considers itself not in the position to decide on suitable activities in this regard. Kuraray Europe GmbH will closely follow future developments concerning the application of a REACH analog regulation in UK and its consequences for our business.

Since it can be expected that any REACH obligations in the UK will be linked to a company's importer role - as is the case under EU REACH - we urgently recommend that your company thoroughly follows any developments in view of the implementation of a REACH analog regulation in UK. Among others, the following sources are expected to provide suitable information in this regard:

UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE): <http://www.hse.gov.uk/brexit/reach-guidance.htm>

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA): <https://echa.europa.eu/uk-withdrawal-from-the-eu>

In case you have questions do not hesitate to contact your permanent counterpart at KEG.

Sincerely yours,

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