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Dear Customer,

This letter discusses a very important issue that is going to impact companies selling materials into Europe. Many of you may be aware of the European Union's (EU) decision to implement a new regulation called **REACH**. The acronym stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals and will have a major impact on the sale in the EU of materials that contain regulated substances (chemicals).

Any product that contains substances that your company ships to Europe must be pre-registered with REACH between June 1, 2008 and November 30, 2008. **Time is of the essence, and the November 30, 2008 deadline will be here before we know it.** If you need Brenntag's assistance please contact us immediately.

Specific information about REACH appears in our website as a separate document titled "REACH Facts". Please view or print the document for further details. Also, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the official body administering REACH, has additional REACH information on its web-site at [www.echa.europa.eu](http://www.echa.europa.eu).

Brenntag appreciates your business and recognizes that keeping abreast of the new and ever changing regulatory landscape is a difficult and time consuming task. Please know we are ready to assist you in obtaining REACH information. Contact your local Brenntag sales professional, customer service representative or Brenntag REACH coordinator with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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