

Letter to all pre-SIEF members

Date 20th May 2009
Subject **SIEF COMMUNICATION ON THE REGISTRATION OF THE
SUBSTANCE HYDROGEN CHLORIDE (CAS no. 7647-01-0,
EINECS no. 231-595-7) UNDER REACH**

Update on the progress on the REACH dossier preparation

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

This email is addressed to all participants in the Substance Information Exchange Forum (SIEF) to be formed for the above substance, as listed on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) REACH-IT system.

We informed you earlier, that on the initiative of 37 major European producers, a REACH Consortium for the substance Hydrogen Chloride / Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) has been established under the leadership of *Akzo Nobel Industrial Chemicals B.V.* (previously named Akzo Nobel Base Chemicals B.V.) who also has the role of SIEF Formation Facilitator. ReachCentrum is acting as the Secretariat of the Consortium.

The objective of this communication is to update you on the progress on the preparation of the REACH joint submission dossier.

You will find attached to this e-mail:

1. A **Status update** on the work on-going in the Consortium. Please notice that the budget of the Consortium has been updated from the previous communication. Should you wish to join the Consortium, please contact the Secretariat at hcl@reachcentrum.eu.

Those companies not joining the Consortium but who wish to obtain a letter of access in 2010 will be charged an additional advantage compensation as stated in the Hydrogen Chloride Consortium Agreement. See enclosed REACH status update.

2. The **Substance Profile** as approved by the Technical Committee of the Consortium. This document contains the set of non-confidential information that the Consortium considers to be relevant to agree on substance sameness for the purpose of establishing the SIEF. Should you disagree with or have any comment on this document, please contact the Secretariat at hcl@reachcentrum.eu before **5 June 2009**.

Please notice that the Substance Profile presents the **Classification and Labelling** that the Consortium is proposing for HCl (Hydrogen Chloride and

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Hydrochloric Acid), in agreement with Annex VI of Regulation 1272/2008 (= legal classification and labelling). Should you disagree with or have any comment on the Classification and Labelling, please contact the Secretariat at hcl@reachcentrum.eu before **5 June 2009**.

We would also like to let you know that Akzo Nobel Industrial Chemicals B.V., the Consortium Leader, in agreement with all Consortium members, is going to inform the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) that Akzo Nobel Industrial Chemicals B.V. will be **Lead Registrant** for HCl. Should you disagree with or have any comment on the Lead Registrant proposal, please contact the Secretariat at hcl@reachcentrum.eu before **5 June 2009**.

The Consortium has collected the majority of the data needed for the dossier preparation. It expects to collect the remaining data in the near future. Under REACH the potential registrants are obliged to share vertebrate animal data. Should you be the owner of such data please contact the Secretariat at hcl@reachcentrum.eu before **5 June 2009**.

Please notice that all the documents distributed to the SIEF members for this substance have also been posted in the SIEFreach platform:
<http://www.siefreach.com>

Yours faithfully,

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