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**Subject: REACH Declaration**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

REACH, the Registration Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals regulation entered into force in June 2007 ([www.echa.europa.eu](http://www.echa.europa.eu)). REACH imposes registration, notification and authorisation duties on *manufacturers* and *importers* of 'substances', 'preparations' and 'articles' as specified in REACH. Wavin is mainly a '*downstream user*' of substances and preparations and therefore in most cases not subject to registration or authorisation duties itself.

We have requested our suppliers to confirm in writing the pre-registration, registration and notification of substances (in its own, in preparations or articles) delivered to us, all in due time if necessary as specified in REACH.

Secondly, we have started communication with our suppliers, directly or through the branch organisations, about our usage and conditions of use, enabling our suppliers to include our usage as 'identified use' in safety data sheets and the final registration.

Another question we have asked our suppliers is whether or not they use substances on the candidate list for Annex XIV and / or whether they expect that the items they deliver to us contain substances that will be subject to authorisation.

Furthermore we have requested our suppliers to inform us immediately if they decide to terminate the supply and/or change the composition of substances, preparations or articles as a consequence of pre-registration, registration or authorisation duties under REACH.

At this moment we have no reason to believe that the articles we supply to you contain substances that have not been (pre-) registered while they should have been (pre-) registered. Nor do we have reason to believe that the articles we supply to you contain substances listed on the candidate list for annex XIV of ECHA (above 0,1% in weight).

There is one exception to the above. Our company and the European plastic pipes and fittings industry generally, are committed to the environmental and ecological benefits of including recycled material where appropriate in our products. This does not represent a compromise in performance levels, compliance with relevant standards or life expectancy. Accordingly under the REACH regulations we are now required to advise you that this product may contain more than 0.1% of lead based stabilizers. It should be noted that the lead compounds are encapsulated in the polymer matrix and under normal conditions are not released during the service life of the product.

If we become aware of the fact that we will have to terminate the supply of an article to you or if the supplier/ we will have to change the composition thereof, as a consequence of registration, notification or authorisation duties of our suppliers, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,