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Dear Customer,

I hope this message finds you and your employees well.

As you may already be aware, recently national authorities responsible for EU REACH in Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark issued a *Call for Evidence* for the express purpose of restricting the production, marketing and use of any and all substances that are classified as *per- and polyfluoroalkyl compounds*, which environmentalists and media refer to broadly as PFAS. These countries seek a **ban** on any compounds with one fully fluorinated carbon throughout Europe, including the fluoropolymers that are important to your business and many uses in modern society.

Chemours considers the Call for Evidence to be **critically important** to the future of our company, your business, your customers and modern society. Significantly, we must ensure that fluoropolymers are removed entirely from the class of compounds considered for restriction because their chemical properties, uses and benefits set them apart from other fluorinated compounds, based on OECD criteria, as polymers of low concern, and therefore need not be restricted.

The chemicals industry alone cannot fight back against this regulatory overreach. We need you, your industry trade associations and your customers to take concrete action before the 31 July 2020 deadline for submissions to this call for evidence in order to protect the use of fluoropolymers. Chemours strongly encourages you and every company in your value chain to submit evidence to the responsible national authority before the deadline to demonstrate that fluoropolymers are critical to your business and the industries you serve, and there are no available alternatives for your essential applications.

During the week of 13 July, Chemours representatives will host a webinar session to provide guidance and instruction on the *Call for Evidence* that helps you craft your company's submission on the matter. I strongly encourage you, or the appropriate representative from your company, to attend this session so you can begin work on your response and engage your customers in the effort. Please watch your email for your invitation to register for this event.

Chemours is diligently gathering the data needed to make our robust submissions to the five member states before 31 July. We are also working with other manufacturers through one of our European trade associations, The PlasticsEurope Fluoropolymer Group (FPG), to arrange instructional web-based sessions to help trade associations for your industry better understand what differentiates fluoropolymers from other PFAS and help them and their membership navigate the *Call for Evidence* and advocacy processes in which we all need to engage to defeat



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this overly-broad restriction. Sessions will be offered on July 6 and July 7. We encourage you to contact your trade association to ensure they participate.

Our goal is that, together, we can provide as much data and other information as possible, through multiple submissions, to demonstrate the critical uses of fluoropolymers and their irreplaceable benefits to society, the EU Green Deal and the European economy. Please visit the German national authority's (BAuA) website now so you are better prepared to ask your questions during our webinar. <https://www.reach-clp-biozid-helpdesk.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/REACH/2020-05-08-RMOA-PFAS.html>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Wellman', is centered below the text 'Sincerely,'.

Amber Wellman
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