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RE: Compliance of Saft Li-SOCl2 primary batteries with REACH article 33 [Regulation EC No 1907/2006]

To whom it may concern,

Your Company has requested that we communicate to you our status concerning the REACH regulation and more specifically the status of our **Saft Li-SOCl2 primary batteries** (classified as “articles”) with regards to article 33(1).

Our legal obligation is to inform you whether substances listed in the current ECHA candidate list are present (above the 0.1% w/w at the battery level) in the **Saft Li-SOCl2 primary batteries** we supply to you. In order to achieve this, we need to receive adequate information from our supply chain.

As it stands, based on the information received from our supply chain, we would like to inform you that our **Saft Li-SOCl2 primary batteries** do not contain any of the Candidate List substances (above the 0.1% w/w at the battery level threshold).

You may have also asked us to indicate whether our **Saft Li-SOCl2 primary batteries** contain any of the substances included in a substance list you have supplied to us (restricted/prohibited list, grey/black list, or orange/green list, or any list generated for a similar purpose).

In order to be able to provide an answer to such a larger list, Saft is in the process of implementing a “declaration tool” software to help us better implement the communication requirements along the supply chain.

As the "Candidate List" will be updated regularly by ECHA, we will continue to monitor the consequences of these developments in order to comply with the requirements of article 33.

Finally, based on this analysis and the information we have received so far, we do not expect REACH to require that we discontinue any of the products we currently have in our product line.

Please note that this Saft Group REACH compliance effort does not relieve your company of its own obligations to comply with the REACH Regulation, as the case may be.

Should you have any further questions regarding these matters, please contact your Saft sales representative.

Yours faithfully,

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