



To: All Vydyne and Ascend customers who are outside of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA)

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Subject: **Vydyne and Ascend REACH Compliance**

As you may know, a new chemical regulation system is in force in the European Union. This system, called Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical Substances (REACH). This is the most ambitious chemical control program in the world, and touches on any company which has direct or indirect chemical production or import into Europe.

We are committed to meeting our legal obligations under REACH as a manufacturer and/or importer and are preparing for it. Solutia's REACH compliance activities are well underway.

If you are located outside the EU/EEA, and your company does not ship resin pellets into the EU/EEA, then it is likely that your use of Solutia's resin is exempt from the scope of REACH. A molded or extruded item (fiber, part, etc) which is manufactured outside the EU/EEA is, in general, exempt from REACH. There are exceptions, but at this time none of these are expected to apply to the use of Vydyne/Ascend resins to form parts outside the EU/EEA.

Based on available information, Solutia's Vydyne/Ascend resins do not contain any substances which are expected to be classified as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), or to be Candidates for Authorization. Although the Candidate List will not be complete for some time, Solutia will monitor its development. In the unlikely event that we use a substance on that list, Solutia will take appropriate action.

The official guidance document for REACH and Articles may be found at:

[http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance\\_document/articles\\_en.htm](http://reach.jrc.it/docs/guidance_document/articles_en.htm)

If your company ships unmolded/unextruded resin to the EU/EEA, then those materials may be subject to REACH.

If you believe that your use of Vydyne or Ascend resin, outside the EU/EEA, is subject to REACH, please contact me for further discussion.

Thank you for your business,

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