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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Kalaguard® SB sodium benzoate registration update: final assessment report ready.

As you are aware, Emerald is in the process of registering Kalaguard® SB sodium benzoate as biocidal product for product type 6 under the Biocides Regulation EU 528/2012 (BPR). This registration will enable the manufacturing of products (treated articles like cleaning products) preserved with sodium benzoate. Recently important progress has been made in the approval process of Kalaguard® SB: the evaluation has successfully been finished.

The registration of Kalaguard® SB follows the route of so called “mutual recognition in parallel”. This means, in our case, that the competent authority of the Netherlands (Ctgb) evaluates the application and the other member states of European Union mutually recognize the findings afterwards. The Dutch competent authority has now finished the evaluation of Kalaguard® SB and concluded that it fulfils the criteria for granting an authorization. It was confirmed that Kalaguard® SB is indeed a low risk biocidal product. This means that from end of January the European member states will provide their consent within 90 days and register the product. At the conclusion of the 90 day mutual recognition period, Kalaguard® SB will be available in May 2019.

A common misunderstanding is that sodium benzoate needs to be listed on the Article 95 list of active substances under review. However, this is not the case for sodium benzoate as it is exempted from the list as it is included in Annex 1 of the BPR. According to article 95.6, substances on Annex 1 do not need to be listed on the article 95 list. Kalaguard® SB will therefore not be on the article 95 list, but will receive an authorization number allocated by the local authority. These authorization numbers will be displayed on documentation and packaging for Kalaguard® SB.

We will keep you informed on progress and notify you if there are any changes to the anticipated timeline. We recognize that viable preservation alternatives such as Kalaguard® SB are an urgent need in the marketplace and will continue to accelerate the timeline for availability as much as possible.

As May 2019 is approaching fast, it is important to begin planning production and inventory to ensure a smooth launch. Please provide your volume forecast and order plans to your Emerald contact so we can secure material availability. Standard lead time to ship material will be 2 weeks, but as we build inventory for May supply we need orders for May and June by early April.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

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