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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MR BJORN HANSEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ECHA

Subject: Follow-up to our request to the European Chemicals Agency to prepare a restriction proposal conforming to the requirements of Annex XV to REACH for oxo-degradable plastics

As a follow-up to our note of 22 December 2017, reference Ares (2017) 6347612, asking the European Chemicals Agency to prepare a restriction proposal conforming to the requirements of Annex XV to REACH for oxo-degradable plastics, we would like to inform you about recent developments which are relevant to your work.

On 19 December 2018, the Council and the European Parliament reached an agreement¹ to ban oxo-degradable plastics under the Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. According to the requirements of that Directive, it would not be possible to place on the EU market any product made from oxo-degradable plastics two years after the Directive enters into force

Therefore, the concerns leading to our request to develop an Annex XV dossier in accordance with Article 69(1) of REACH have been superseded by a marketing ban agreed by the co-legislators and we consider that further action on a Union-wide restriction under the REACH Regulation is no longer necessary.

¹<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+TA+P8-TA-2019-0305+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN>

Accordingly, we would like to ask the Agency to consider these developments and close the preparations of the Annex XV dossier on oxo-degradable plastics. This should then also be reflected in the Registry of Intentions (RoI).

Please allow us also at this opportunity to thank you for your general support and the work performed so far in relation to this request.

Yours sincerely,

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