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ACCO Brands Europe REACH Statement

REACH Background

REACH* (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) are the new EU chemicals regulations which were introduced on June 1, 2007

The REACH regulation requires substances manufactured or imported into the European Union (EU), including substances in preparations in quantities over one metric ton per year, to be registered unless exempt.

There is a transitional period to complete the registration process for existing substances with phased-in deadlines of 2010, 2013, and 2018, depending on the annual amounts imported and the hazard of the substance. To benefit from these phased-in deadlines, EU manufacturers and importers must pre-register existing substances by December 2008. Pre-registration allows continued manufacture and import into the EU prior to the registration deadline.

ACCO Brand's REACH Initiatives

In line with ACCO's principles on environmental responsibility, the company takes a proactive approach towards legal compliance, especially with regard to health and environment. Under the REACH regulations, ACCO Brands Europe is preparing to ensure all appropriate products are pre-registered. Close relations will be maintained with the supply chain, to ensure that the implementation of REACH will follow the regulation's requirements.

*(Regulation EC No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006), relating to the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals)

Additional information regarding ACCO Brand's REACH activities will be communicated to our customers either directly or through our Web site.

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