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Lower Olefins and Aromatics (LOA) REACh Consortium on track

Brussels, 23 June 2008 - Notwithstanding its impact on the chemical industry as a whole, the REACh regulation is entering into an active implementation phase. Today a new REACh Consortium is launched upon the initiative of the European manufacturers of lower olefins and aromatics substances. Through the LOA Consortium, the manufacturers have decided to join efforts to prepare consistent registration dossiers covering approximately 170 substances within 20 categories before 30 November 2010.

“For months we have been actively preparing for this activity and have been investigating how the complexity of the markets and substances could be appropriately managed within REACh” says Pierre de Kettenis, Executive Director of the Cefic Petrochemistry Industry Sector. “The daily management will be handled by a team of experts that has an in-depth knowledge of REACh, and of petrochemicals processes, gained from practical experience in the olefins, aromatics and related industries.”

The LOA Consortium is open to any EU and non-EU company manufacturing lower olefins and aromatics as well as importers of these substances. Downstream users and other data holders are also invited to play an active role in the work of the Consortium.

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