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To: Whom it may concern

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Ref: MicroCare Corporation compliance with REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament

The EU REACH Regulation (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) was adopted in December 2006, and entered into force on June 1, 2007. MicroCare Corporation supports the overall REACH objectives and maintains an unwavering commitment to safety for our employees, our customers, and all who handle our products regardless of their location.

As a United States based manufacturer with EU operations that import substances covered under REACH¹⁾, MicroCare has taken an active role in addressing all of the requirements as they apply to our products and our customers in the EU/EAA. Please be aware the following:

- MicroCare intends that at the time of sale all products sold to EU/EEA customers by MicroCare BVBA²⁾, a legal entity in Europe, are in compliance with REACH regulatory requirements, including pre-registration and notification³⁾.
- REACH requires registration for individual substances (on their own or in preparations) greater than 1 metric ton per year produced or imported⁴⁾. However, each importer is responsible for its own compliance with REACH. MicroCare products bought from a supplier/distributor located outside of the EU/EEA may not necessarily be compliant with REACH requirements.
- As of this date, none of the products sold by MicroCare BVBA in the EU to our current knowledge, contain substances at concentrations above the legal threshold⁵⁾ that are included on the Candidate List Table of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC substances); as published on the ECHA website as of 19 December, 2011⁶⁾.

To understand fully the obligations that you as our customer will have under REACH, we recommend that you consult the REACH web site at <http://echa.europa.eu>.

Please feel free to contact your MicroCare representative if you have additional questions related to your specific circumstances.

NOTES:

1) Substance: a chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additive necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used, but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition (REACH, Art. 3.1).

2) MicroCare BVBA is a legal entity in the EU/EEA, located in Belgium.

3) MicroCare has submitted preregistration files to ECHA for the substances requiring preregistration that are imported by MicroCare BVBA. MicroCare BVBA has also submitted notification per EC1272/2008, Articles 39-42. Receipt of those files have been acknowledged by ECHA.

4) Preparation: means a mixture or solution composed of two or more substances (REACH, Art. 3.2).

5) Inclusion of a substance on the Candidate List may impose immediate legal obligations upon companies with chemical products or articles that contain more than 0.1wt% of the substances. You can find more information about these obligations on the ECHA website: <http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/candidate-list-obligations>.

6) http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp