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## CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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Dear Customer,

The REACH regulation became effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

The regulation prohibits importing and / or producing more than a ton of a substance in the EU, if it has not been registered. (This applies to substances in compounds and under certain circumstances to substances in manufactured items, as well.)

A transition period is provided by the REACH regulation in order to complete the extensive registration tasks. Depending on the amount of substance and its classification regarding health and environment, the transition period will have a duration of 3.5 to 11 years (article 23). But before manufacturers and importers can make use of the transition period, they will have to pre-register the substance.

For users of substances it is essential to learn whether their suppliers (manufacturers or importers) will register the required substances, in order to have the confirmation that the substances they need for their specific applications will still be available in the future.

It is also important that manufacturers / importers are well-informed about downstream applications and can provide information concise information about the usage of the respective substance. This is necessary in order to prepare the required report on substance safety, in which "identified usage" has to be included.

At this time **Tratos Limited / North West Cables Ltd** is collecting data from all of our suppliers in order to find out which substances have to be registered according to the regulation. This phase will last until the **end of November 2008**.

Our timeframe is as follows:

<b>June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008:</b>	Start of registrations of chemical substances
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008:</b>	End of registrations
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008:</b>	Publications of a list of pre-registered substances

In cooperation with our suppliers we will verify whether all relevant substances have already been registered.

We will make all necessary efforts to assure that all products manufactured by Tratos Limited / North West Cables Ltd comply with the rules and regulations.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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