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RE: Packaged Chlorine Distributor Customer Safety and Security Checklist

Dear Chlorine User:

The Chlorine Institute (“CI” or the “Institute”) is a 189 member, not-for-profit trade association of chlor-alkali producers worldwide, as well as packagers, distributors, users, and suppliers. The Institute’s North American Producer members account for more than 93 percent of the total chlorine production capacity of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The Institute’s mission chemicals, namely chlorine, sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide, hydrogen chloride and vinyl chloride monomer, are used throughout the U.S. economy and are paramount to the protection of public health.

Several years ago, the CI Board amended the Member Safety & Security Commitment requiring chlorine suppliers to assure that each chlorine customer had a risk management program in place for the proper handling of chlorine and complied with the Chlorine Customer Generic Safety and Security Checklist criteria. This process took several years to complete due to the number of packaged chlorine customers, but significantly raised the bar regarding the safe and secure handling of chlorine. It is appropriate to now take this commitment to the next leg of the supply chain.

A new checklist has been developed, the Packaged Chlorine Distributor Customer Safety and Security Checklist (For use by distributors in evaluating their customers), which identifies the key safety and security concerns of these smaller chlorine users in a condensed two-page checklist. Chlorine Institute members that sell chlorine through distributors can use this checklist or a comparable document to assist them in putting a process in place to evaluate each chlorine customer.

The Product Stewardship Issue Team of the Institute approves this checklist and has asked our membership to implement this new guideline with the chlorine distributor’s end use customers. It would be appropriate to obtain verification from each chlorine supplier that they have completed implementation and have a process in place to address new chlorine distributor’s end use customers.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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