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Dear Distributor,

With the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard's 2012 (HCS 2012) compliance date of June 1, 2015 upon us, we wanted to advise you of steps BASF Corporation is taking to manage inventories.

OSHA's HCS (2012) is an alignment with the United Nations Globally Harmonized System (GHS); a system for standardizing and harmonizing the classification and labeling of chemicals through Safety Data Sheets and labels.

Since the HCS (2012) gives wholesale and retail Distributors an additional six months, such distributors can continue to sell existing BASF inventory bearing the 1994 Hazard Communication labels and SDS during this period with no issue.

It is important to be aware that BASF has exercised reasonable diligence and has made good faith efforts to ensure that GHS labels and SDS' are available for every product. You are likely seeing evidence of that with recent shipments. Please be aware however, that there will be situations due to circumstances outside of our control whereby you will receive containers bearing the OSHA 1994 label after June 1, 2015. We are working diligently to resolve these situations and anticipate the circumstances to be short lived.

Typically the reason for the continued use of the 1994 label is that we are still working with our suppliers to obtain the necessary information to classify the material. We understand that this is not the most optimum circumstance however we are committed to ensuring you have the HCS (2012) labelled containers as soon as available.

If you have questions about how distributors are complying with GHS, we encourage you to reach out to the National Association of Chemical Distributors (www.nacd.com) which has been actively addressing this topic with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

If you have additional questions about BASF's efforts, please don't hesitate to contact Customer Care at (800) 669-BASF.

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