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RE: Importation of chemical substances into the U.S.

**PLEASE RESPOND BY 11/30/2006**

Dear Valued Customer:

This is our annual notification of TSCA requirements and request for blanket certification (see page 2 for information regarding blanket certificates). As shipper or importer of record of a chemical substance into the United States, in bulk or as part of a mixture, or as shipper or importer of record of an article which contains a chemical substance or a mixture, you must make a certification to U.S. Customs and Border Protection regarding the product's compliance under TSCA (19 CFR 12.121; 49 CFR Part 710).

**Why did I receive this letter?** We sent you this letter because our records indicate you shipped or imported (i.e., acted as importer of record for Customs purposes) merchandise subject to TSCA within the past year.

**What is a TSCA certificate?** Under the applicable regulations, the importer of a chemical shipment must certify at the U.S. port of entry for shipments entering commerce that either:

- The shipment is subject to TSCA and complies with all applicable rules and orders under that Act; or
- The shipment is not subject to TSCA.

**How do I make a TSCA certification?** An importer can accomplish the certification and discharge their obligations related to the import by signing, at the time of Customs clearance, one of the following brief statements to be typed, preprinted on the invoice or otherwise included in the entry documentation:

**Positive certification for shipments subject to TSCA:**

*"I certify that all chemical substances in this shipment comply with all applicable rules or orders under TSCA and that I am not offering a chemical substance for entry in violation of TSCA or any applicable rule or order under TSCA."*

**Negative certification for other shipments:**

*"I certify that all chemicals in this shipment are not subject to TSCA."*

**What happens if I don't provide the required certification?** Failure to provide the required certification for chemical substances, or mixtures of chemical substances, or articles containing chemical substances or mixtures, will result in detention at the U.S. port of entry, refusal of entry, and possible penalties.

**Is there an alternative to providing the TSCA certificate at the time my goods are imported into the United States?** Yes. An importer may, in lieu of providing the applicable TSCA certificate on or attached to their U.S. import documentation, provide a **blanket TSCA certificate** for a period not to exceed one year. Use of the blanket certificate is subject to the approval of the port director at the U.S. port of entry.

**How do I make a blanket TSCA certificate?** A valid blanket TSCA certificate must meet the following requirements.

- It must appear on the letterhead of the certifying firm.
- It must list the products covered by name and Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheading number (first six digits). If you have questions about how to obtain a tariff number for the product(s) listed on your blanket certificate, or would like to verify whether the tariff number you are using is correct, please contact our trade/compliance

services department at [compliance.us@ngjensen.com](mailto:compliance.us@ngjensen.com), or search the Harmonized Tariff Schedule online at <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/bychapter/index.htm>.

- It must contain either a “positive” or “negative” TSCA statement.
- It must identify the foreign supplier by name and address. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will not accept “various” or “available upon request” for the identification of foreign suppliers on the blanket TSCA certificate. Foreign suppliers must be identified by full name and address.
- It must be signed by an authorized person from your company

**I import multiple kinds of chemical substances. Some of these goods require a “positive” TSCA statement, while others require a “negative” TSCA statement. May I include both kinds of goods on the same blanket certificate?** No. While a blanket certificate may contain multiple products, separate blanket certificates must be approved and used for chemical substances that are subject to TSCA and for chemical substances that are not subject to TSCA.

**If I use an approved blanket TSCA certificate, must I reference this on my import documentation?** Yes. An importer for whom the use of a blanket certificate has been approved must include, on the invoice used in connection with the U.S. entry for each shipment covered by the blanket certificate, a statement referring to the blanket certificate and incorporating it by reference. This statement need not be signed.

**Where should I send my TSCA certificate?** Please send your TSCA certificate to:

Mail: Norman G. Jensen, Inc.  
ATTN: NGJ Trade/Compliance Services / TSCA Renewal  
P.O. Box 3789  
Blaine, Washington, USA 98231-3789  
Fax: (952) 229-2767  
E-mail: [compliance.us@ngjensen.com](mailto:compliance.us@ngjensen.com)

We will retain a copy of your certificate in our system so that our staff at all offices will have access to a copy of your certificate.

**Where can I find more information on TSCA?** If you have any questions about TSCA or the blanket certification requirements, send us an e-mail request to [compliance.us@ngjensen.com](mailto:compliance.us@ngjensen.com), or call us at (360) 332-8671 and ask for our trade/compliance services department.

**Are there any other invoice requirements for shipments of chemicals?** For some chemicals, yes. The invoice used for shipments of chemical compounds classified in chapters 27, 28 and 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule must include the use and Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number of the chemical (19 CFR 141.89). CAS numbers can be searched online at <http://chemfinder.cambridgesoft.com/reference/chemindex.asp>.

If you have questions about whether your merchandise is classified in chapters 27, 28 or 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, please contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you elect to use the blanket certificate for the calendar year 2007, please provide it to us no later than **November 30, 2006** to allow appropriate time for notification of Customs and recordation in our system. Do not hesitate to contact us if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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