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Re: Response to EPA Information Request
Substantial Risk Notification Section 8(e)
8EHQ-94-12982

Dear Sir:

8EHQ-1095-12982

New information is being submitted in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) by Degussa Corporation.

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This submission provides additional information regarding Substantial Risk Notification 8EHQ-94-12982. The chemical substance is Methanesulfinic acid, aminoimino- (which we call Formamidine Sulfinic Acid or "FAS"), CASRN 1758-73-2. We import this chemical substance.

We previously reported results which indicated a mutagenic potential. We would like to provide additional information which we obtained from our German parent company, Degussa AG. This information contradicts the previously reported results.

The results which caused the initial decision concerning a mutagenic response were unable to be reproduced by a different laboratory. The test was repeated by another laboratory, and the results were negative, confirming the fact that FAS does not show mutagenic effects in the micronucleous test.

All of the results were submitted to the German Institute for Consumer Safety and Veterinary Service (BGV V) who re-evaluated their decision concerning this product. German labeling regulations require that substances which show a mutagenic response be labeled with a warning statement "Possibility of irreversible damage". Based on evaluation of the results, by the BGV V and experts, this warning does not need to appear on the label of FAS sold in Germany.

Please let me know if you want copies of the negative studies or additional information.

Sincerely,

John Lewinson

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