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To whom it may concern

Thank you for your inquiry into the latest European Chemical Bureau's REACH program and its impact regarding the regulatory status of Desi Pak® desiccant bags.

All statements below refer to "**REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC**", commonly referred to as "REACH directive".

1. Desi Pak® desiccant bags are made of film materials (like Tyvek®, GDT or the like) and desiccant clay.
2. Film materials for making Desi Pak® desiccant bags are based on polymers, like polyethylene, polypropylene, polyesters and the like.
3. According to article 2 (9) of the REACH directive, polymers are exempt from obligations under title II (registration) and title VI (evaluation). Thus the film materials used to make Desi Pak® desiccant bags are exempt from REACH.
4. Desiccant clay is an unaltered, not chemically modified bentonite clay mineral.
5. According to article 2 (7) (b), annex V, point 7, natural minerals are exempt from obligation under title II (registration) and title VI (evaluation). Thus the desiccant clay used to make Desi Pak® desiccant bags is exempt from REACH.

Thank you for your continued patronage of Süd-Chemie Performance Packaging products. If you have more questions concerning REACH, please do not hesitate to contact our local sales representative.

Sincerely,

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