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Dear Prof. Bridges,

Subject: **Participation in the 23rd Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) meeting of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)**

This follows your verbal declaration in the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) Working Group meeting on DEHP in Medical Devices of 3 December 2012 that you have participated as an observer/accompanying scientist representing the European Plastic Converters (EuPC) industry association in the discussion on the point of the agenda concerning 'non classified phthalates' during the 23rd meeting of the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) (27-30 November 2012) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). We have been in contact with our colleagues in ECHA who have also confirmed this.

In order to assess this situation in light of the provisions of the Scientific Committee Rules of Procedure (attached) relating to Independence (Chapter 5, points 18-32) adopted by the Scientific Committees on 18 December 2009, in conformity to Article 12 of Commission Decision 2008/721/EC of 5 September 2008, I would invite you to submit in writing, a detailed declaration of your involvement in this activity. I would kindly request that you would include in your declaration all scientific, economic, and administrative elements linked to this activity so as to enable the Commission to form its views on the matter.

I would be grateful if you would submit your detailed declaration by close of business Friday, 7 December 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Prof. Dekant,

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This follows a verbal declaration in the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) Working Group meeting on DEHP in Medical Devices of 3 December 2012 by your colleague who had participated as an observer/accompanying scientist representing an industry association in the discussion on the point of the agenda concerning 'non classified phthalates' during the 23rd meeting of the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) (27-30 November 2012) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). We have been in contact with our colleagues in ECHA who informed us that also you participated in that RAC meeting.

In order to assess this situation in light of the provisions of the Scientific Committee Rules of Procedure (attached) relating to Independence (Chapter 5, points 18-32) adopted by the Scientific Committees on 18 December 2009, in conformity to Article 12 of Commission Decision 2008/721/EC of 5 September 2008, I would invite you to submit, in writing, a detailed declaration of your involvement in this activity. I would kindly request that you would include in your declaration all scientific, economic, and administrative elements linked to this activity so as to enable the Commission to form its views on the matter.

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