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Dear Gwenole,

Hope this mail finds you well. By way of introduction, my name is

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(www.sateri.com).

I am writing to provide feedback on the European Commission' s Single-Use Plastics Directive (SUPD). The directive focuses on reducing marine litter which is an environmental issue that requires urgent action. We laud the EC for taking the global lead in introducing policy measures on this issue.

We understand that for the purposes of the Directive, consultation is ongoing among member states for publication of guidelines on examples of single-use plastic products. As a leading global producer of viscose fibers, which is a material used in nonwoven products such as feminine hygiene products and wet wipes, we would like to submit to you that unlike plastic, viscose fibers are 100% biodegradable.

Along with peers in our industry, we are deeply concerned with the current technical definitions and inclusion of natural fibers like viscose and lyocell as “plastic”. The lack of science-based investigation on such classifications will have unintended consequences.

Attached with this letter is an articulation of the risks of misclassification of natural fibers in the SUPD and our recommendations to the EC. We urge the EC to study and consider our views which are also shared by the industry. We are ready to engage in discussions at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



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