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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

His Excellency Suriya Chindawongse
Embassy of Thailand
1024 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Subject: Notice of Export of **Polyhydroxyalkanoate (generic) (P-22-0120)** to THAILAND

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Section 12(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who exports or intends to export a chemical substance or mixture from the United States to notify the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) of such exportation if any of the following actions have been taken under TSCA with respect to that chemical substance or mixture:

- 1) Information is required under TSCA section 4 or 5(b),
- 2) An order has been issued under TSCA section 5,
- 3) A rule has been proposed or promulgated under TSCA section 5 or 6, or
- 4) An action is pending, or relief has been granted under TSCA section 5 or 7.

In turn, TSCA section 12(b) requires the U.S. EPA to notify importing governments of the availability of the required information submitted to the U.S. EPA under the applicable TSCA section 4 or 5(b) action or notify the importing government of the applicable TSCA section 5, 6, or 7 action or relief. See 15 U.S.C. 2611(b) and the U.S. EPA's TSCA section 12(b) regulations at Title 40, Part 707, Subpart D of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for details concerning the TSCA section 12(b) export notification procedures.

The U.S. EPA previously received a notice regarding a chemical substance or mixture exported from the United States to your country. This chemical substance or mixture is currently subject to TSCA section 12(b) export notification because it is subject to one of the actions listed above.

Information specific to the chemical being exported to your country is as follows:

The U.S. EPA has received a notice that the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter is being exported from the United States to your country. As noted above, such notices are required to be submitted to the U.S. EPA under certain specified circumstances, including one in which a chemical substance or mixture becomes subject to an order issued under TSCA section 5(e). On September 29, 2023, the Agency has issued a section 5(e) order for the chemical substance or mixture that is the subject of this letter in which the following health or environmental toxicity

concerns for this chemical substance were addressed: Internal organs (e.g., liver, blood, kidney, etc.)/systemic toxicity, Ocular irritation, Dermal irritation. The order requires the following controls and/or limitations: Distribute the PMN substance only, Domestic manufacture for any use, Hazard Communication (labeling, containers, SDS, precautionary statements, etc.), Recordkeeping for all manufacturers and processors.

The exporter has made a claim of confidentiality for the identity of the substance and/or for the destination of the substance. Pursuant to the EPA final regulation on section 12(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (45 FR 82844, December 16, 1980), the information claimed as confidential is being released to your government. No other release of this information is authorized. Therefore, we ask that you take appropriate measures to safeguard the information from disclosure and refer it only to government officials with a need to know about this chemical.

If you want to return this letter, please continue to protect the information from disclosure. This can be done by - (1) double wrapping the correspondence; (2) labeling the inner wrapping with "TSCA Assistance Information Service" and the statement "TSCA Confidential Business Information - - To Be Opened by Addressee Only"; and (3) labeling the outer wrapper with the address of the TSCA Assistance Information Service that is shown above and a return address. The outer wrapper is then free of any indications that the letter contains confidential business information.

Please send any further CBI correspondence to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, USEPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington D.C., 20460. To facilitate tracking the correspondence if it gets lost, please notify the TSCA Assistance Information Service that the letter will be sent, before forwarding it. Their telephone number is (202) 564-8257, facsimile number is (202) 564-8251, and e-mail address is tsca-hotline@epamail.epa.gov. The correspondence can then be sent certified mail, or another equivalent commercial tracking system, for example, the Universal Product Code (UPC) system, return receipt requested.

Should you prefer that notice of this type be provided to an official or agency of your government other than you, please provide us with the appropriate name and address.

Additional information concerning these regulations and chemical can be found online at <http://www.epa.gov/tsca-import-export-requirements/tsca-requirements-exporting-chemicals> or by contacting me at 202-564-8593 or rahai.jim@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rahai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail extending to the right.

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