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Status of Promois under the REACH regulation

The new European Chemicals legislation, REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals), officially entered into force on June 1st 2007. REACH requires that all substances manufactured in or imported into the EU have to be registered; otherwise production, import and placing on the market will be no longer possible. SEIWA KASEI CO., LTD commits to fully comply with REACH requirements and to serve our customer free use of "Promois" in EU under new legislation.

Hydrolyzed protein meeting the Article 3(5) of REACH Regulation are understood as natural polymers that are chemically modified. In this case, monomer substance (e.g. amino acid) originating from the natural polymer can be treated as "non-isolated intermediates" and do not have to be registered. (See "Frequently Asked Questions on REACH by Industry / November 2008 Version 2.3, Published on 6th November 2008" in 6.3.11, http://echa.europa.eu/doc/reach/reach_faq.pdf)

Promois mainly consists of hydrolyzed protein. We consider our hydrolyzed proteins as substances exempted from the obligation to register, because they meet the Article 3(5) of REACH Regulation. On the other hand, the substances used to chemically modify hydrolyzed protein and some additives need to be registered. We have been collaborating with the supplier of each of such substances to comply with REACH Regulation under the supply chain responsibility.

Should you please contact Mr. Seiji Nagao in charge of REACH related customer service if you have any further question on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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