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Dear Valued Customer

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Process Change notification – AZ 826 MIF Developer

Merck is committed to continuous improvement in delivering products of the highest performance and quality. As part of this commitment we sometimes need to implement changes to our processes or products.

We hereby would like to inform you that a raw material in our AZ 826 MIF Developer is affected by the European REACH regulation. The respective component a so-called surfactant was listed in Annex XIV of the REACH legislation and by Jan 4th 2021 it cannot be produced and handled any longer in Europe without authorization. As a result, our supplier for this surfactant will stop manufacturing this raw material in 2020. At the same Merck will stop producing AZ 826 MIF with this listed surfactant by end of 2020.

Throughout the last several months Merck has screened various other REACH compliant surfactants as potential replacements of the banned component. We are pleased to inform you that we have developed a formulation with identical performance as our AZ 826 MIF developer. This new formulation will be commercialized under the name AZ 2026 MIF developer.

Please find attached to this letter a detailed Comparison Data Package of AZ 826 MIF vs AZ 2026 MIF developer. In March 2020 we are ready to provide samples of the new AZ 2026 MIF developer which will allow you to qualify the new formulation before end of 2020.

Your account manager and our technical service experts are always available to answer your questions and support you in any way possible during the upcoming qualification period.

We are pleased to continue to provide you the high level of quality and service your business deserves and thank you for selecting Merck for your electronic chemical needs.

Sincerely,

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