

## Valued Customer To Whom It May Concern

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### Microplastics restriction – Purolite product range

Dear Valued Customer,

The European Union's efforts to mitigate the environmental impact of microplastics are reflected in the Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2055 of 25 September 2023 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards synthetic polymer microparticles.<sup>1</sup>

Purolite's product range contains substances that meet the definition of microplastics; however, derogations 4(a) and/or 4(b) and/or 5(a) are applicable to all products within that range.<sup>2</sup>

As a result, these products are not prohibited from being placed on the EU market but must meet specific requirements including having Instructions for Use and Disposal (IFUD) and complying with reporting obligations. We will ensure that we meet all of these requirements within the corresponding regulatory deadline.

In order to safeguard the health of both people and the planet, Ecolab has implemented an innovation program with the primary aim of ensuring compliance with the forthcoming restrictions proposed by ECHA.

If you would like more information regarding our position on REACH, please visit our website at [REACH \(ecolab.com\)](https://www.ecolab.com/REACH)

Sincerely yours,



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<sup>1</sup> [EUR-Lex - 32023R2055 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2055/oj)

<sup>2</sup> 4(a) synthetic polymer microparticles, as substances on their own or in mixtures, for use at industrial sites. 4(b) medicinal products within the scope of Directive 2001/83/EC and veterinary medicinal products within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council. 5(a) synthetic polymer microparticles which are contained by technical means so that releases to the environment are prevented when used in accordance with the instructions for use during the intended end use.

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