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Dear Mr Timmermans,

We write to express our concerns with the implementation of the EU Chemical Strategy for Sustainability (CSS) and specifically the delay of the REACH revision. Tarkett strongly believes that it is essential that the sitting Parliament deals with the REACH revision to ensure clarity and predictability for the EU industry. We see the revision of REACH as an opportunity for our business since it would support us in achieving our own sustainability ambitions, which are in line with the Chemicals Strategy. An ambitious REACH revision also has the potential to create a larger market for sustainable products.

The situation we have now creates confusion and uncertainty within the industry. We ask for clarity and predictability and believe an ambitious REACH proposal from the Commission before summer is crucial and would strengthen the market and improve resilience for EU businesses.

A revised REACH will not only protect our health and environment but also secure a fit for the future industry within the EU and secure important future investments in the EU industry.

Furthermore, Tarkett strongly calls for a science-based revision process. To ensure clarity for businesses, the REACH revision should be providing a clear methodology to establish criteria to group substances, based on toxicological data, and to test substances to evaluate their potential hazard.

Finally, Tarkett is a long-standing advocate for transparency in the chemical value chain. We have developed Material Health Statements – a product ingredient disclosure and material assessment declaration – to provide our customers with more information about the environmental and human health risks of a finished product. We believe that the revision of REACH should focus on improving transparency in the value chains to support the transition of the chemical industry to a fully circular and safe economy.

We hope you take our concerns into consideration and would like you to use your influence to push the highest levels within the Commission on this issue to make sure the REACH proposal will be delivered before summer.

Best regards

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