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**INFORMATION FOR OUR CUSTOMERS –
concerning Corning Specialty Materials, Advanced Optics Status with respect to
the EU REACH Regulation and in particular to glass articles.**

This letter responds to your request for information on Polarcor, related to the European REACH Regulation.

Corning Specialty Materials, Advanced Optics considers the protection of the environment, natural resources and health as one of its most important business tasks. **Corning Specialty Materials, Advanced Optics** therefore devotes significant efforts and resources to the development of clean and safe products and processes and therefore concurs with the aim of the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulation (1907/2006/EC).

Your questions concern a glass product, which is considered an "Article" according to the definition of the REACH Regulation. Articles are subject to Articles 7 and 33 of the REACH Regulation. Glass products made by **Corning Specialty Materials, Advanced Optics** do not contain substances that are intended to be released under normal and foreseeable circumstances and are therefore not concerned by Article 7.1 of the REACH Regulation.

Concerning Article 7.2 of the REACH Regulation, which requires notification of substances in products, if such substances are of high concern, exceed 0.1% (w/w) and exceed 1 ton/year per importer or producer and Article 33.1 of the REACH Regulation which requires a supplier to inform its customers if the article contains a substance of very high concern (SVHC - substances potentially to be included in Annex XIV), the following should be noted:

Glass is treated as a UVCB substance¹ under REACH and is in principle exempted from registration under the REACH Regulation (see Annex II of Commission Regulation 987/2008 for Annex V exemption 11). Furthermore, glass is not classified as a hazardous substance and it is unlikely ever to be listed on the list of substances of high concern.

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Substance of unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials
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