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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Accreditation letter - Technical and Scientific Support to the Commission's Impact Assessment for the Revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP)

Dear Madam/Sir,

The <u>European Green Deal</u> sets a high ambition for a toxic-free environment leading to zero pollution. The <u>Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability</u> (hereafter 'the Strategy') adopted on 14 October 2020 is the first delivery of the zero-pollution ambition. The objectives of the Strategy are to better protect citizens and the environment against hazardous chemicals, while encouraging innovation for the development of safe and sustainable alternatives.

The Strategy lays down a number of actions intended to increase the knowledge base and control of chemicals. One of these actions consists of a targeted revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP). The legislative package needs to be substantiated by a comprehensive impact assessment, which the Commission has already initiated. An Inception Impact Assessment was published on the "Have your say" portal until 1 June 2021. You may have been able to contribute to it already.

The collection of data and information is a critical part of the Commission's Better Regulation standard approach and, consequently, a wide range of relevant stakeholders will be invited to contribute to a number of consultations, such as targeted interviews, online surveys, focus groups or workshops.

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment, has commissioned a study to support the Commission's impact assessment. The study is being undertaken by RPA Europe, FoBiG, Ricardo and Risk & Policy Analysts and co-ordinated by Mr Marco Camboni and Ms. Zinaida Manžuch (RPA).

As well as extensive desk research, this study involves the collection of information from stakeholders across the EU (and beyond) through online surveys, workshops, focus groups and interviews.

The contractor will run targeted consultations with representatives from Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, retailers, importers, NGO's and other stakeholders, which will feed into the following work areas:

- Analysis of the impact of the proposed policy options, taking into account solutions identified through the consultation activities; and
- Drafting a synopsis report of all consultation activities.

I would be grateful for any assistance that you are able to provide to RPA Europe and its partners as they collect information and data to inform the analysis in this study. Your help in providing information requested by the Consultant's team will be much appreciated and of great value to us. Please note that the sources of the individual inputs will remain confidential and only anonymised data will be made public. We would like to remind you that this is a unique opportunity for you to:

- Engage in the ongoing discussions about the revision of CLP;
- Express your views on the problems, objectives and possible options to be outlined in the impact assessment;
- Contribute to the evidence gathering on the potential impacts the different options will have, in terms of protection of human health and the environment, and on businesses, authorities and society as a whole.

All queries concerning this study should, in the first instance, be addressed to RPA Europe (<a href="mailto:clp.revision@rpa-europe.eu">clp.revision@rpa-europe.eu</a>). Should additional information be required you may wish to contact the responsible DG Environment project officer, <a href="mailto:Fabienne.VAN-RAEMDONCK@ec.europa.eu">Fabienne.VAN-RAEMDONCK@ec.europa.eu</a>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed) Cristina de Avila Head of Unit