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**To whom it may concern**

**Boric acid; disodium tetraborate; diboron trioxide and disodium octaborate:**

The European Borates Association, representing the importers and manufacturers of borate substances<sup>1</sup>, has engaged Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd to work with the borates supply chain to identify key information. One of the core objectives of this exercise is to build a more detailed data set on uses and users, by sector, for borates of concern (see table overleaf). It will also be important to identify the numbers of companies involved in the borates value chains as well as the size of companies and their geographic location.

You are kindly requested to complete a simple, one-page survey and your borates suppliers are grateful for your support in this study.

It is important that as many stakeholders in the borates value chain respond to this survey as possible. Please also therefore forward this request down the supply chain (to your downstream user customers as well as to any other known/suspected users of borates) within 5 days of receipt, and ask them to forward it to their customers in turn, to ensure the widest and deepest response from borates stakeholders.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Roger Doome ([r.doome@ima-europe.eu](mailto:r.doome@ima-europe.eu)), Antigoni Effraimidou ([a.effraimidou@ima-europe.eu](mailto:a.effraimidou@ima-europe.eu)) or Tom Persich ([tom.persich@rpaltd.co.uk](mailto:tom.persich@rpaltd.co.uk)).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Roger Doome

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<sup>1</sup> Consisting of member companies: CPH Chemicals, Eti Maden Isletmeleri, Inkabor, Rio Tinto Borates/ Borax Europe Limited, Searles Valley Minerals Europe and Società Chimica Larderello SpA.



<b>Borates within the scope of the supply chain mapping exercise</b>					
<b>Substance</b>	<b>Registration tonnage band</b>	<b>No. Active registrants</b>	<b>EC No</b>	<b>CAS No</b>	<b>EEA Regulatory status</b>
Boric acid	100,000 – 1,000,000 tonnes per annum	44	233-139-2	10043-35-3	Candidate List/6 <sup>th</sup> recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Disodium tetraborate	100,000 – 1,000,000 tonnes per annum	19	215-540-4	1330-43-4; (anhydrous); 12179-04-3 (pentahydrate); 1303-96-4 (decahydrate)	Candidate List/6 <sup>th</sup> recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Diboron trioxide	1,000 – 10,000 tonnes per annum	18	215-125-8	1303-86-2	Candidate List/6 <sup>th</sup> recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Disodium octaborate	1,000 – 10,000 tonnes per annum	4	234-541-0 (anhydrous)	12008-41-2 (anhydrous) 12280-03-4 (tetrahydrate)	Registry of SVHC intentions. 'Expected submission date' was 7 February 2018