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Zeewolde, 5 November 2018

To our Customers in EU countries

Subject: Impact of Brexit on supply to the UK

Dear Customer,

The United Kingdom is due to leave the EU on March 29th 2019. In case no withdrawal agreement can be negotiated there will be no contract regulating the trade relationship between the UK and EU. As a consequence, custom controls at the border between the UK and EU will be installed, which most probably will slow down the import/export process and most probably will increase costs. Even if a trade agreement is negotiated this could change the current trade relationship and lead to similar effects.

Due to the unknown result of the negotiation process between the UK and EU on the Brexit the Wittenburg Group is advising its customer to stock-up and prepare for 3 months inventory at the end of March in order to minimize supply risks. In order to organize the inventory we would need your orders by January 2019.

We as Wittenburg are preparing for the situation that we are not able to supply to the UK in the first 3 months after Brexit, but cannot guarantee that our preparation will prevent all supply issues. It is expected that transportation cost will start to increase from January 2019 because all companies will want to build up inventory at the same time. Also after March 2019 due to higher import costs and/or import tariffs. For this reason we reserve the right to add an additional surcharge to cover increased transport and possible import/tariff costs.

If you have question you can contact your account manager.

Yours sincerely,

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