

To whom it may concern

28th September 2020

Dear Customer,

Further to our statements in 2018 and 2019, regarding our Brexit contingency planning, Britain officially left the European Union on January 31, 2020. This date also signalled the start of a 'transition period' which is intended to allow the UK and the EU a chance to adjust to this new situation and reach a deal. We are now approaching the deadline for the end of the transition period, 15th October 2020, and unfortunately much uncertainty still exists regarding Brexit.

Evans Vanodine would, however, like to provide a further update on our planning and preparation for trading under the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) rules following a possible "no deal".

We highlighted in our previous communications that many of our key raw materials are supplied by companies based within EU member states. In anticipation of limited or delayed availability, leading up to and post-Brexit, we continue with ongoing reviews, internally and externally, along our supply chains with those suppliers to secure increased stock holding of these materials, where possible.

There may be potential key factors, which emerge from Brexit (such as border control and customs clearance delays, tariffs, etc), in addition to possible raw material force majeure, which may disrupt principal areas of the supply chain and are outside of our control.

In the event of the UK Government choosing to apply tariffs, in line with WTO rules, to EU sourced raw materials following Brexit, we will operate in line with government guidelines and applicable law. To facilitate the export of our products into the EU, either by ourselves or by our customers, we will continue to observe and comply with the relevant EU regulations following Brexit.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, as well as the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic within the global supply chain, we recommend that you review your purchase volumes and stockholding plans for the next three to six months period. Please discuss this, along with any significant new business potential that is likely to be secured within that time, with your Evans area sales manager. Advance notice of any increases to order volume will allow us to plan our material purchasing and production scheduling more effectively.

Evans Vanodine will continue to adjust our preparations to mitigate any potential impact on our operations and customer service level and will update you accordingly as the Brexit negotiations continue.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact your Evans area sales manager.

Yours sincerely



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