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BASF | Chemetall – APE-Free Solutions

Dear Valued Customer,

At BASF | Chemetall our focus is to provide you with the best experience so that you can 'expect more'. With that promise we're contacting you today to inform you of updates to select products in our portfolio.

Alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEs) are commonly used surfactants in many finished products offered by BASF | Chemetall. Due to increasing environmental concerns, the use of APE raw materials has already been restricted in Europe, and new regulations have been proposed in China to limit their use in manufacturing. North America is also expected to implement similar restrictions in the near future. **As a result, BASF | Chemetall's primary supplier of APE raw materials, will discontinue all APEs effective at the end of 2025.**

In line with BASF | Chemetall's commitment to sustainability, we are initiating a transition to APE-Free Solutions. In an effort to make this a smooth transition, we have identified recommended replacements for each of the APE affected products. In most instances, there may be an alternate viable replacement already identified for your specific application, your sales representative will work closely with you to ensure a complete and successful transition.

Effective August 29, 2025, the products listed below will no longer be manufactured; however, stock inventory will be available for sale. Once stock has been depleted, the corresponding replacement product will be made available for sale.

Key Points:

- Once the existing inventory of the Current products (listed below) is depleted, we will begin requesting orders to be changed to reflect the Replacement product.
- Please note that the new package of replacement product (eg. Drum, Pail, Tote) fill volume may be slightly more or less in order to fully comply with the latest safety and transportation regulations.

We are committed to ensuring that this transition is as effortless as possible for you. Your dedicated sales representative is available to support and answer any questions that you may have.

We value your business and appreciate your continued trust in BASF | Chemetall and look forward to continuing our successful partnership.

Regards,

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Products to be Replaced	Recommended Replacement Products
Oakite 202	Gardoclean 205, Gardoclean T 5843
PACE MF-30	Ardrox 6489A
GC T5847-AlumCleanerNST	Gardoclean R 5358
Gardacid P 4555	Gardacid 4294
Gardobond Additive H 7627	Crown L-60BP-NF inhibitor
Gardoclean 53	Gardoclean S 5150
Fisan VersaClean	Gardoclean T 5843
Fisan LC Degreaser	Gardoclean 205, Gardoclean T 5843
Pyrene US 1452	Gardoclean S 5219
Gardacid P 4295	Gardacid P 207
Gardacid P 4587	Gardacid P 207
Gardoclean T 5453	Gardoclean T 5843
Gardobond A 2101	Gardobond A 4961
Gardobond A 2187	Gardobond A 4989, Gardobond Additive H 7616
Gardobond A 4778	Gardobond A 747, Gardobond Additive H 7616
Gardobond A 187/1	Gardobond A 4961
Gardobond A 4805	Gardobond A 747, Gardobond Additive H 7616
Gardoclean 4895	Gardoclean T 5843
Gardobond Additive H 7709	Gardobond Additive H 7616, Gardoclean VP 4628, Gardoclean 4292 B1, Gardobond Additive H 7438
Gardoclean A 5502	Gardoclean A 5363, Gardoclean A 5359, Gardoclean R 5747
Gardoclean T 4899	Ardrox 6333A, Ardrox 6376
Gardoclean A 5565	Gardoclean A 5359
Gardobond A 38090	Gardobond A 1127
GARDOCLEAN 3802	Gardoclean T 5400, Ardrox 6376, Gardoclean T 5843, Gardoclean R 5358
Gardoclean S 4895	Gardoclean T 5843
Gardobond Additive H 6994	Gardoclean A 5359, Gardorol CP 4208
Ardrox 1900B	Ardrox 1900D
Gardoclean 390 LB	Gardoclean S 5249
Ardrox 405V	Gardoclean 205
Ardrox 6440LF	Ardrox 6484A
Ardrox 7050W	Ardrox 6489A, Alkasol 27
Gardoclean R 5475	Gardoclean 205

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Ardrox 120F	Gardoclean 205
Gardobond Additive H 7625	Gardobond Additive H 7367
Gardobond A 3024	Gardobond A 3015
Gardostrip Q 4599	Gardostrip Q 5381, Ardrox 2320A, Ardrox 2320B
Gardoclean S 1006 & CHEM CLEAN 1006	Gardoclean 5467, Gardoclean 1034
Gardoclean 4894 (Rustripper)	Ardrox 185, Ardrox 185L
BCR Clear	Gardoclean T 5843
Aluminum Cln. 164 & Gardoclean T164-AluminumCleaner164	Gardoclean T 166-Aluminum Cleaner166, Gardoclean T 61 (Oakite 61B), Gardoclean 90
Gardoclean S 5679	Inpro-Clean 1300
Gardoclean S 5689	Gardoclean 1067, Gardoclean 1207
B-90	Ardrox 5410
Gardoclean 206	Gardoclean T 5843, Gardoclean A 5359
Gardoclean A 246	Gardoclean T 5843
Gardoclean A 5573 & SMI-8125	Gardoclean T 5843, Gardoclean A 5359
Gardoclean S 5844	Gardoclean 5846, Gardoclean S 5067, Gardoclean S 4893
RT-825	Gardoclean S 5065
Gardoclean T 45	Gardoclean 5467, Gardoclean 1034, Gardoclean 1067
PACE B-82	Ardrox 6489A
ARDROX 1900B	Ardrox 1900D
Gardostrip Q 5383	Gardoclean R 1700 F
Gardoclean T 5417 & DYNADET	Gardoclean T 5450
Gardoclean 2500	Gardoclean 5219

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