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Dear Valued TriMark Customer:

The European Union has issued various directives that will restrict the use of certain identified hazardous materials from general use. TriMark currently provides products that are affected by Directive 2000/53/EC End of Life Vehicle Directive which is effective July 1, 2007.

Regarding Directive 2000/53/EC, TriMark has identified and selected a zinc plating process that replaces hexavalent chromium with trivalent chrome. This plating process was carefully tested, evaluated and chosen based on its ability to provide the same high quality appearance and corrosion protection performance that you currently receive with TriMark's products.

The only aesthetic change in the affected plated products will be the color transition from the current yellow chromate finish to a bright silver chromate finish.

TriMark will begin to initiate this process change to the trivalent chrome zinc plating during the third quarter of 2006 with a planned completion date of January 1, 2007 after which we will not manufacture any parts using hexavalent chrome. We will naturally make every effort to implement this plating process change as smoothly as possible.

Directive 2000/95/EC (RoHS) is the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment and applies to any covered EEE product put on the market in the EU on or after July 1, 2006. At this point in time TriMark does not manufacture or sell products in the European Community that are under the current directive. These products include large and small household appliances, computing and communications equipment, consumer electronics, lighting, power tools, toys and sports equipment and automatic dispensing equipment.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact your TriMark representative or call us direct at 800-447-0343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas E. Bailey' in a cursive script.

Thomas E. Bailey  
Director of International Sales and Account Management