



Amsterdam, December 8, 2006

Dear Sir, Madam,

As we did in 2005, we are sending you an annual invoice for your contribution to the VGT safety information sheet system.

As the cover letter sent with the 2004 invoice already contained a detailed explanation, we will not discuss any further details here. Should you no longer have this letter, you can read the relevant information on our website: [http://www.vgt.nl/downloads/pdf/msds\\_2004\\_uk.pdf](http://www.vgt.nl/downloads/pdf/msds_2004_uk.pdf)

**The subjects discussed in the letter sent to you in 2004 were:**

- Why this invoice?
- What criteria must safety information sheets in the Netherlands meet?
- Why do manufacturers have to pay part of this?
- What happens if a manufacturer does not pay?
- What are the following steps in this project?
- What do we expect from you?
- A special point of attention concerns combination packages.
- Should information on non-hazardous products be included in the VGT system?
- Will a second invoice be sent in 2004?
- Conclusions.

For the letter as a whole, see: [http://www.vgt.nl/downloads/pdf/msds\\_2004\\_uk.pdf](http://www.vgt.nl/downloads/pdf/msds_2004_uk.pdf)

**What developments have taken place in the Netherlands in 2005 and 2006 with respect to hazardous substances?**

In April 2005, VGT signed the Substances Agreement with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment on behalf of all Dutch trade associations in the dental industry (VGT, NMT, ONT, VLHT, BVT and INDENT).

Enclosed please find this Ministry's newsletter on the subject, which is also presented on the Ministry's website: [http://docs.minszw.nl/pdf/158/2005/158\\_2005\\_5\\_2512.pdf](http://docs.minszw.nl/pdf/158/2005/158_2005_5_2512.pdf)

Unfortunately, this information is only available in Dutch. Below are some addresses where you can get information in English.

For more information on the VASt project, please visit the Ministry's website:

[http://vast.szw.nl/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp\\_document&link\\_id=77645](http://vast.szw.nl/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_document&link_id=77645)

For a brochure on this subject, see

[http://vast.szw.nl/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp\\_document&link\\_id=77642&menu\\_item=10990](http://vast.szw.nl/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_document&link_id=77642&menu_item=10990)

**What will change in 2007?**

The industry-specific Substances Management Tool will be completed.

Also, several manufacturers have indicated that they would prefer a reference to the Dutch safety information sheet on their own website rather than to a safety information sheet produced by the VGT, as is currently the case. We will inform all manufacturers as soon as our software has been adjusted to accommodate this in 2007.



**What do we expect from you?**

Please pay the enclosed invoice by the date indicated.

We would also like you to thoroughly check:

- whether the information we have included in the sheets is still correct and to inform us if there have been any changes to the product
- whether we have received information on all products with hazardous substances marketed in the Netherlands. If not, could you send us the information by post, fax or email?
- whether any products have been discontinued. Please note that products may still be present in the trade chain, which means that not all information can be removed (yet).

We trust that we have provided you with sufficient information and remain,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E.T.J. Kolsteeg', written over a horizontal line.

E.T.J. Kolsteeg  
Secretary VGT

Enclosed: - invoice for the period from 01-01-2006 to 08-12-2006 inclusive.  
- overview of safety information sheets in our possession.  
- specification of additional work until 08-12-2006 inclusive.