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**DETERGENTS INDUSTRY WELCOMES CHEMICALS AGREEMENT**

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***A.I.S.E. (the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products<sup>1</sup>), has welcomed the agreement between the European institutions on the EU's chemicals proposal, REACH, that should pave the way for a swift adoption of the new law.***

Susanne ZÄNKER, Director-General of A.I.S.E., said:

*"A.I.S.E. congratulates the European Parliament, the Finnish presidency, the Council, and the European Commission on taking a major step in the legislative process.*

*"We are very happy that REACH is about to be born – and that it addresses the concerns of key stakeholders."*

A.I.S.E. welcomed in particular the consideration given to the involvement and duties of downstream users of chemicals throughout the process, and to the emphasis given to communication with consumers.

Charles LAROCHE, President of A.I.S.E., added:

*"We are pleased REACH will recognise the active role to be played by downstream users, including the useful role they can play in exchanging information on substances and – even more importantly – on helping the Agency to provide guidance on safety communication to consumers.*

*"We will continue to work closely with the Agency, the European Commission, and national authorities to ensure that REACH is implemented successfully and achieves its goal of protecting humans and the environment, whilst stimulating European competitiveness."*

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

<sup>1</sup> A.I.S.E. is the official representative body of this industry in Europe. Its membership totals 36 National Associations in 34 countries, covering more than 900 companies, ranging from small and medium sized enterprises to large multinationals, active in the industrial and institutional (I&I) and/or the consumer goods markets.

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