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Greetings Valued Vendor Partners,

As you know, many of the products sold in our stores fall under the category of potentially hazardous materials and thus they must be disposed of correctly if they are damaged/leaking. Albertsons Companies has a regulatory obligation to handle and dispose of hazardous products in accordance with Federal, State, and Local environmental regulations. The review and classification of these products is beyond the scope of a grocery retailer and thus is contracted to a third-party classification company.

Vendors and manufacturers who wish to do business with Albertsons Companies are required to register potentially hazardous product with Smarter Sorting for review. This process is not new, it has been a requirement for many years and was previously handled by the WERCS. After thorough review and consideration, Albertsons Companies has chosen Smarter Sorting as our new classification partner moving forward.

All potentially hazardous products are required to be registered with Smarter Sorting immediately, as Legacy WERCS registrations will no longer be accepted as of June 2021. Please be aware, failure to register a potentially hazardous product with Smarter Sorting can cause the SKU to be put on hold until UPC registration can be verified. Item registrations are not automatic, and it is the vendors responsibility to register their products with Smarter Sorting.

To help with the transition, all items with a previous registration (prior to June 2021) with WERCSmart, **that are also released to Albertsons**, will be able to register with Smarter Sorting on a promotion that offers zero cost until June 2022 (after which time they will be invoiced for annual registration fees for the period June 2022 to June 2023). All NEW items are required to register with Smarter Sorting and pay the registration fees starting immediately. The transition started June of 2021 and will end June of 2022. Starting June 1, 2022 we expect all products to have an active and paid registration with Smarter Sorting.

We are here to answer any of your questions and thank you for your continued partnership.

Cheers,
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