

Decision number: CCH-D-0000003784-67-06/F

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DECISION ON A COMPLIANCE CHECK OF A REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 41(3) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 1907/2006**For synthetic fibres, alk. earth silicate; AES wool; Alkaline earth silicate, CAS No 436083-99-7 (EC No 610-130-5), registration number: [REDACTED]****Addressee: [REDACTED]**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has taken the following decision in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 50 and 51 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation).

I. Procedure

Pursuant to Article 41(1) of the REACH Regulation ECHA has performed a compliance check of the registration for synthetic fibres, alk. earth silicate; AES wool; Alkaline earth silicate, CAS No 436083-99-7 (EC No 610-130-5), submitted by [REDACTED] (Registrant). The scope of this compliance check is limited to the standard information requirement of Annex VIII, Section 8.4.3. of the REACH Regulation. ECHA stresses that it has not checked the information provided by the Registrant and other joint registrants for compliance with requirements regarding the identification of the substance (Section 2 of Annex VI).

This decision is based on the registration as submitted with submission number [REDACTED], for the tonnage band of 1000 tonnes or more per year. This decision does not take into account any updates submitted after 31 October 2013, the date upon which ECHA notified its draft decision to the Competent Authorities of the Member States pursuant to Article 51(1) of the REACH Regulation.

This compliance check decision does not prevent ECHA from initiating further compliance checks on the present registration at a later stage.

The compliance check was initiated on 4 April 2013.

On 25 July 2013 ECHA sent the draft decision to the Registrant and invited him to provide comments within 30 days of the receipt of the draft decision.

By 26 August 2013 the Registrant did not provide any comments on the draft decision to ECHA.

On 31 October 2013 ECHA notified the Competent Authorities of the Member States of its draft decision and invited them pursuant to Article 51(1) of the REACH Regulation to submit proposals to amend the draft decision within 30 days of the receipt of the notification.

Subsequently, a Competent Authority of a Member State submitted a proposal for amendment to the draft decision.

The ECHA Secretariat reviewed the proposal for amendment received and amended the draft decision accordingly.

On 5 December 2013 ECHA notified the Registrant of the proposal for amendment to the draft decision and invited him pursuant to Article 51(5) of the REACH Regulation to provide comments on those proposals for amendment within 30 days of the receipt of the notification.

On 16 December 2013 ECHA referred the draft decision to the Member State Committee.

By 7 January 2014 the Registrant did not provide any comments on the proposal for amendment. However, the Registrant provided comments on the draft decision. The Member State Committee did not take into account the Registrant's comments on the draft decision as they were not related to the proposal for amendment made and are therefore considered outside the scope of Article 51(5).

A unanimous agreement of the Member State Committee on the draft decision was reached on 21 January 2014 in a written procedure launched on 10 January 2014. ECHA took the decision pursuant to Article 51(6) of the REACH Regulation.

II. Information required

Pursuant to Articles 41(1)(a), 41(3), 10(a)(vii), 12(1)(e), 13 and Annex VIII of the REACH Regulation the Registrant shall submit the following information using the indicated test method and the registered substance subject to the present decision:

- a. *In vitro* gene mutation study in mammalian cells (Annex VIII, 8.4.3.; test method: EU B.17/OECD 476).

Pursuant to Article 41(4) of the REACH Regulation the Registrant shall submit the information in the form of an updated registration to ECHA by **19 March 2015**.

III. Statement of reasons

Pursuant to Article 41(3) of the REACH Regulation, ECHA may require the Registrant to submit any information needed to bring the registration into compliance with the relevant information requirements. The scope of the present decision is the *in vitro* gene mutation study in mammalian cells (Annex VIII, 8.4.3. of the REACH Regulation).

Mutagenicity, *in vitro* gene mutation study in mammalian cells.

In accordance with Articles 10(a)(vii), 12(1)(e) and with Annex VIII, section 8.4.3. of the REACH Regulation, the *in vitro* gene mutation study in mammalian cells is required if there is a negative result in the *in vitro* studies specified under Annex VII, section 8.4.1 and Annex VIII, section 8.4.2. The registration dossier reports negative results for both *in vitro* studies. Therefore the REACH Regulation requires that information on *in vitro* gene mutation in mammalian cells (Annex VIII, 8.4.3.) is provided in the dossier. ECHA notes furthermore that a cytogenicity study (be it *in vitro* or *in vivo*) cannot be used for *in vitro* or *in vivo* mammalian cell gene mutation information requirements. Cytogenicity studies and gene mutation studies are corresponding to two different endpoints and two distinct mechanisms

of genotoxicity: cytogenicity studies detect structural and numerical chromosome aberrations whereas gene mutation studies detect gene or point mutations. ECHA concludes that the Registrant has neither provided this standard information nor adapted the requirement. Consequently there is an information gap and it is necessary to provide information for this endpoint.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 41(1)(a) and (3) of the REACH Regulation, the Registrant is requested to submit the following information derived with the registered substance subject to the present decision: *In vitro* mammalian cell gene mutation test (test method: EU B.17./OECD 476).

IV. Adequate identification of the composition of the tested material

ECHA stresses that the information submitted by the Registrant and other joint registrants for identifying the substance has not been checked for compliance with the substance identity requirements set out in Section 2 of Annex VI of the REACH Regulation. The Registrant is reminded of his responsibility and that of joint Registrants to ensure that the joint registration covers one substance only and that the substance is correctly identified in accordance with Annex VI, Section 2 of the REACH Regulation.

In carrying out the study required by the present decision it is important to ensure that the particular sample of substance tested is appropriate to assess the properties of the registered substance, taking into account any variation in the composition of the technical grade of the substance as actually manufactured. If the registration of the substance covers different grades, the sample used for the new study must be suitable to assess these.

Furthermore, there must be adequate information on substance identity for the sample tested and the grade(s) registered to enable the relevance of the study to be assessed.

V. Information on right to appeal

An appeal may be brought against this decision to the Board of Appeal of ECHA under Article 51(8) of the REACH Regulation. Such an appeal shall be lodged within three months of receiving notification of this decision. Further information on the appeal procedure can be found on ECHA's internet page at http://echa.europa.eu/appeals/app_procedure_en.asp. The notice of appeal will be deemed to be filed only when the appeal fee has been paid.



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