



European Association of Silica Producers A.I.S.B.L.
Member of IMA-Europe

Crystalline Silica in REACH

No registration duty for crystalline silica under REACH

The REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals) Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 30 December 2006 and entered into force on 1 June 2007.

Amongst other obligations, REACH requires the registration of chemical substances, followed by an evaluation process. In this process the substances on their own, in preparations or in articles are evaluated in respect to health, safety and environmental aspects when manufactured, stored and used.

REACH plans that "minerals which occur in nature, if they are not chemically modified" are explicitly exempted from registration and evaluation (Article 2 § 7(b) and Annex V point 7) because such a registration is deemed inappropriate or unnecessary for these substances and their exemption from these requirements does not prejudice the objectives of this Regulation. Consequently, crystalline silica – quartz or cristobalite and related products which do not result from a chemical modification – manufactured, imported or placed on the market fall under this exemption and therefore will not be registered.

EUROSIL, June 2009