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EU REACH
Cabot CAB-O-SIL® and CAB-O-SPERSE®
UNTREATED SILICA PRODUCTS ONLY

The Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 18, 2006 on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) requires manufacturers and/or importers of chemicals to register those substances in accordance with the procedures and timelines prescribed within the Regulation. Cabot Corporation is committed to continuing to supply our EU customers with our untreated silica products. In addition, we are working with our suppliers of the raw materials for these products to ensure continuity of supply.

To assist our customers, we provide the following information:

Untreated Silica (EINECS #231-545-4, CAS #7631-86-9) meets the definition of “substance” under Article 3 of the above referenced Regulation.

Cabot certifies it has completed successfully the registration process required to cover all untreated silica products produced in Europe by Cabot facilities. **Please accept this statement as certification of registration of our untreated silica products.**

Below is a brief description of the identified uses covered in our Registration Dossier:

CAB-O-SIL® and CAB-O-SPERSE® untreated silica products may be used in: chemicals for agrochemicals manufacturing industry; construction; agriculture; paints-lacquers-varnishes and inks; adhesives industry; leather industry; paper industry; polymers (e.g., plastics, rubbers, silicones) industry; textile; hygiene and sanitary products; cosmetics; pharmaceuticals; feed/food additives; electronics; castings of metals; petrochemicals manufacturing; and, water treatment to provide any functionality listed: flow modifier; glossing or matting agent; rheology control agent; carrier agent; viscosity control agent; filler; drier; adhesion promoter; absorbent; antifoaming agent; structural agent; abrasive; excipient; binding agent; wetting agent; solubility enhancer; pH regulator; catalyst; and, flocculant.

In order to cover all untreated silica products imported into the European Union by Cabot and by the direct importation of our customers, **Cabot has appointed an Only Representative (OR)**. Currently, Cabot is contacting our customers about our Only Representative service and the information required for representation. Cabot's Only Representative has successfully registered imported untreated silica. To be covered by the Cabot OR registration, **customers are required to regularly provide the Cabot OR with information as described in the REACH Regulation**, in particular, the name/address of each EU customer to be covered by the Cabot OR registration, the tonnage of Cabot

untreated silica product(s) imported into the EU and its use(s). Should this information not be provided in due time or should this information not be accurate, Cabot's OR can not cover the EU importer and the EU importer will remain or become responsible for the compliance of its importation of Cabot's untreated silica product(s) under the REACH Regulation.

The European authorities continue to compile a **provisional list (Candidate List) of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)** which should be documented under the REACH Regulation, if present at a concentration greater than 0.1% in a chemical. A new list of **Substances of Very High Concern** has been published by ECHA on December 19, 2011.

To the best of our knowledge, Cabot's untreated silica products do not contain any of the substances mentioned on this **Candidate List** above the threshold concentration.

In addition, we confirm that currently, silica is not classified as a dangerous substance by the EU authorities under the European Directive 67/548/EEC, its amendments and the European Regulation 1272/2008/EC (CLP).

According to Article 31.1 of the REACH Regulation, a Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided for hazardous substances or preparations. Updated, expanded MSDSs for hazardous substances (i.e., with substance classified according to the Classification, Labeling and Packaging Regulation (CLP) and with exposure scenario and Risk Management measures for all identified uses) must be provided by December 1, 2010. Cabot has updated its untreated silica product MSDSs to make them compliant with CLP requirements, however, as untreated silica is neither classified according to the European Directive 67/548/EEC nor CLP Regulation, no exposure scenario will be developed. The most current version of Cabot's product MSDSs can be found on our website.

This information is being provided as of the date hereof. Please refer to Cabot's website – www.cabot-corp.com - for any updates to this information.

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