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EU REACH
Cabot SpectrAl® Products
UNTREATED 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 alumina 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 Alumina (EINECS #215-691-6, CAS #1344-28-1) meets the definition of "substance" under Article 3 of the above referenced Regulation.

Cabot certifies it has completed the pre-registrations required to cover all untreated alumina products produced or imported by Cabot into the European Union. The pre-registration numbers are not substance specific. In addition, Cabot considers the pre-registration numbers to be confidential business information, therefore, these numbers can not be provided. **Please accept this statement as certification of pre-registration of our untreated alumina products.**

Cabot intends to register alumina before June 1, 2013.

Below is a brief description of the identified uses Cabot intends to cover in our Registration Dossier:

SpectrAl® untreated alumina products may be used in: chemicals manufacturing industry; construction; adhesives; coating and paints; inks and toners; paper industry; polymers industry; hygiene and sanitary products; cosmetics; electronics; metals manufacturing; furniture; and, household appliances to provide any functionality listed below: adsorbent; adhesion promoter; de-agglomerating agent; anti-scaling agent; tribocharging; binding agent; catalyst; dye carrier; conductor; flow modifier; viscosity controller; filler; glossing agent; pH regulator; and flocculant.

In order to cover all untreated alumina 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 intends to register imported untreated alumina before June 1, 2013.

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 alumina 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 alumina 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 alumina products do not contain any of the substances mentioned on this **Candidate List** above the threshold concentration.

In addition, we confirm that currently, alumina 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 alumina product MSDSs to make them compliant with CLP requirements, however, as untreated alumina 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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