

SASFORREACH Consortium

SIEF Information Letter 1 Synthetic Amorphous Sodium Aluminium Silicate (NAS)

Introduction

Your company has pre-registered the substance synthetic amorphous sodium aluminium silicate (“**NAS**”), EINECS # 215-684-8, CAS # 1344-00-9 under Regulation (EU) 1907/2006 (hereinafter “**REACH**”) and therefore is listed on the ECHA REACH-IT system.

Evonik Degussa GmbH has agreed to act as lead registrant under REACH for NAS. Your contact details were provided to Patrick Wellmann of Dr. Knoell Consult GmbH, Leverkusen, Germany, which handles the operational work of the SASFORREACH Consortium (“**Consortium**”), (e.g., contact with interested members of the NAS SIEF).

With this SIEF Information Letter 1 we would like to start the communication within the NAS SIEF.

This Information Letter is intended to inform you about the SASFORREACH Consortium as well as about the status of the registration for NAS and to invite participation in the joint submission under REACH for NAS.

Purpose of the Consortium

To comply with REACH, an extensive technical dossier about each substance must be submitted to the European Chemicals Agency (“**ECHA**”).

For nearly 20 years the members of the Consortium have worked together to develop environmental, health & safety data on Synthetic Amorphous Silica (SAS), Calcium Silicate (CS) and NAS and have participated in a number of international safety programmes for the aforementioned substances.

These companies therefore decided to form a consortium with the purpose of preparing, inter alia, the NAS registration dossier for a joint submission of data according to Article 6 of the REACH Regulation.

Status of Registration of NAS

The comprehensive registration dossier for NAS covering the data requirements of Annexes VII – X of the Regulation was prepared by the members of the Consortium and submitted to ECHA by the lead registrant Evonik Degussa GmbH. The lead registrant has received the registration number for the lead dossier from ECHA. The data are complete using read-across and waivers.

SASFORREACH Consortium Member Companies

Albemarle Europe, Merck Performance Materials SAS, BASF SE, Cabot Corp., Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH, Grace GmbH & Co. KG, IQESIL S.A., PPG Industries Chemicals, PQ Corporation, Solvay S.A., Clariant Produkte (Deutschland) GmbH, Wacker Chemie AG, Zeochem AG

No proposals for further testing were made. Secondary registrations within the joint submission for NAS by other members of the Consortium have already been submitted successfully as well.

Substance identification

The substance identification for NAS is published in SIEF Information Letter 2.

Options to cooperate

The Consortium invites every party interested in the registration of NAS to participate in the joint submission for NAS. The Consortium will provide a complete registration package, including a Letter of Access to the technical part of the dossier (parts 4 – 13) and the Chemical Safety Report at a reasonable cost, however the consortium is now closed for new members since a successful registration for NAS has been achieved by the lead registrant and thus the main purpose of the Consortium has been accomplished.

Any party interested in obtaining access to the joint submission for NAS should follow the guidance on how to get access to the data/dossier to register as a joint registrant, published on the webpage of the Consortium at <http://www.reach-sas.org>.

What to do in case if you do not meet the definition criteria for NAS as described in the SIEF Information Letter 2 mentioned above?

We recommend that you try to get in contact with other Sodium Aluminium Silicate producer of the SIEF and form another consortium or partnership thereof.

With kind regards

SASFORREACH Consortium

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