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REACH Status of Kaolin and Calcined Kaolin Products

On 18 December 2006 the European Parliament and the Council adopted an EU regulatory framework for chemicals known as REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals). The REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 entered into force on 1 June 2007.

Among 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 with respect to health, safety and environmental aspects when manufactured, stored and used. The registration process will continue until June 1st, 2018.

Annex V of the REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 explicitly exempts from registration and evaluation "minerals which occur in nature, if they are not chemically modified". This is because such a registration is deemed inappropriate or unnecessary for these substances and their exemption from these requirements does not prejudice the objectives of the Regulation. Kaolin and calcined kaolin fall under this exemption and are, therefore, not registered.

Although the substrate of Imerys Minerals Limited's coated calcined kaolins is exempt from REACH registration some of the coatings are subject to registration and evaluation and, where relevant, will, therefore, have a registration dossier. The manufacturers of the coatings were notified of our customers' downstream uses and will have included them in the relevant registration dossiers.

Imerys is liaising with and being guided by the Industrial Minerals Association (IMA)-Europe and its advisors. We continue to closely monitor the development of the REACH legislation by working actively with IMA-Europe and providing stakeholder input into the legislative development process.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of Imerys Minerals Limited

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