EUROTALC Communication on Regulatory Developments on Talc
23 January 2023

On 9 January 2023, the Netherlands submitted to ECHA for accordance check a Harmonised Classification and Labelling (CLH) dossier for talc. The CLH intention is available on the ECHA website: Registry of CLH intentions until outcome - ECHA (europa.eu).

The Netherlands propose a Harmonised Classification for Talc as STOT-RE 1 (H372), and Carcinogen 2 (H351).

After the accordance check, ECHA will launch a 60-days consultation on the dossier and scientific comments may be provided.

EUROTALC, representing the major EU producers of talc and more than 95% of the talc supplied in the EU, has conducted an in-depth assessment for the carcinogenicity endpoint considering all relevant studies with eminent scientific experts in the field.
This assessment concluded that the classification criteria for carcinogen 2 are not met and comments will be provided in the public consultation accordingly.

A CLH procedure typically takes 3 to 4 years before the retained harmonised classification and labelling is published in the EU law. Then a transition period of 18 months is usually agreed before the classification becomes mandatory.

We wish to reassure you that EUROTALC and its member companies are involved in all the regulatory procedures, providing comments from scientific experts in the field.

We will always be pleased to exchange any information and developments with our downstream users and other industry stakeholders, especially at the time of the public consultation.

Lastly, we would like to underline through this communication that the regulatory initiative detailed above does not change anything at this stage in the supply of talc, nor its current classification and labelling. Research, clinical evidence and nearly 40 years of studies by independent medical experts around the world continue to support the safety of talc.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any information in this regard.
Yours Sincerely,

Florence Lumen
Secretary General