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EUROTALC Communication on Regulatory Developments on Talc
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On 19 June 2023, ECHA launched a public consultation on a proposal for EU harmonised classification and labelling for Talc, which closed on 18 August 2023:

<https://echa.europa.eu/harmonised-classification-and-labelling-consultation/-/substance-rev/73702/term>.

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

EUROTALC, representing the major EU producers of talc, has conducted an in-depth hazard assessment for the STOT RE and carcinogenicity endpoints considering all relevant studies with eminent scientific experts in the field. This assessment concluded that the classification criteria for STOT RE 1 and carcinogen 2 are not met and exhaustive comments were provided in the public consultation accordingly.

A CLH procedure typically takes about 3 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 are always pleased to exchange any information and developments with our downstream users and other industry stakeholders.

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