

SASFORREACH Consortium

SIEF Information Letter 3 Synthetic Amorphous Silica (SAS): Substances & Sameness

Dear SIEF members,

With this letter, the SASFORREACH Consortium ('Consortium') would like to inform you about the next steps in the process of gaining access to the joint registration dossiers for synthetic amorphous silica and silicates (each a "Joint Registration") which have already been filed successfully with ECHA by the Consortium.

Substances and Sameness

The Joint Registrations cover **only** silica which is described in the SIEF Info Letters Nos. 1 and 2 of the Consortium which can be found **here** [<http://www.reach-sas.org/>].

Please also note that each potential registrant is solely responsible for ensuring that his product complies with the sameness/substance identification criteria listed in the respective Joint Registration. Information on the sameness/substance identification may be found **here** [<http://www.reach-sas.org/>].

THE CONSORTIUM WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAMENESS CRITERIA OF THE SUBSTANCE(S) REGISTERED BY ANY SIEF MEMBER.

All documents for gaining access to the Joint Registration are available on the SASFORREACH Consortium web-page [<http://www.reach-sas.org/>].

Communication

The main line of communication between the Consortium and the SIEF members will be conducted via the homepage of the Consortium (<http://www.reach-sas.org/>). Please check the homepage regularly as any new information will be published there.

For questions about the LoA Agreement please contact sasforreach@sasforreach.eu. Please note that due to the large amount of inquiries we regret that no queries will be answered by fax or phone. All communications with SIEF members will be conducted by email only.

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The Consortium is responsible for the administrative process only; queries regarding the substances will be forwarded to the steering committee of the Consortium. The Manager is not responsible for REACH-related regulatory matters; please ask your local REACH helpdesk for help on these matters. The lead registrant/steering committee will handle inquiries about the substance (e.g., classification, sameness, uses, etc.). The inquirers will be contacted by the Manager or a Consortium representative. Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be published on the webpage of the Consortium. Please note that due to the large number of SIEF members (> 3,500), it may not always be possible to answer these questions immediately, therefore we thank you for your patience and understanding. The Consortium will, however, make every effort to acknowledge receipt of your inquiries immediately.

With kind regards

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