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Status of glass under REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) in view of the Classification of certain borates as SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern)

On June 18, 2010, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has updated the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorisation and added amongst others Disodium tetraborate (anhydrous) and boric acid.

According to the REACH regulation, glass is a substance in itself that is exempted from registration in Annex V no. 11. The raw materials to manufacture glass like sand, soda and also boric acid and / or disodium tetraborate (borax) are intermediates which are consumed during the manufacturing process in a chemical reaction. In conclusion glass does no more contain any of the above substances.

Since glass itself is not considered as hazardous and is not mentioned on the SVHC list there are no obligations to communicate information according to Article 33 of the REACH regulation concerning SVHC in articles and related to boric acid or disodium tetraborate in glass.

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