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Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) not in scope of REACH

The European Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation, commonly referred to as REACH, places an obligation on European manufacturers and importers of substances to register the substances in order to continue production in or import into the European market.

Carboxymethylcellulose is a polymer derived by chemical modification of the natural polymer cellulose that is obtained from renewable botanical sources.

Naturally occurring polymers fall under the definition of polymers contained in REACH (Article 3(5)), and being naturally occurring substances, they are considered to qualify for the exemption of registration as in the current version of Annex V paragraph 8.

When natural cellulose is chemically modified, the resultant cellulose ether substance, in our case the Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) still meets the definition of a polymer (Article 3(5)) and hence is exempted from the REACH registration requirements (Article 2(9)). The cellulose ethers manufactured by Lamberti S.p.A. all meet these criteria, and so are exempted from the REACH registration requirements.

For these reasons Lamberti S.p.A. will not be submitting registration dossiers to the REACH Agency for their Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) because not in scope of REACH

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