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## **EU REACH Cabot Carbon Black Products**

Cabot Corporation's carbon black products include all BLACK PEARLS®, ELFTEX®, EMPEROR®, MACHEM®, MOGUL®, MONARCH®, REGAL®, SHOBLACK®, SPHERON®, STERLING®, VULCAN®, UNITED®, CSX™, CRX™, and IRX™ grades.

The Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 18, 2006 on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) requires manufacturers and/or importers of chemicals to pre-register and/or register those substances in accordance with the procedures and timelines prescribed within the Regulation. Cabot Corporation is committed to continuing to supply our EU customers with our carbon black products. In addition, we are working with our suppliers of the raw materials for the above products to ensure continuity of supply.

To assist our customers, we provide the following information:

Carbon black (EINECS #215-609-9, CAS #1333-86-4) meets the definition of "substance" under Article 3 of the above referenced Regulation.

Cabot certifies it has completed the pre-registrations required to cover all carbon black products produced or imported by Cabot into the European Union. The pre-registration numbers are not substance specific, in addition, Cabot considers the pre-registration numbers to be confidential business information. Therefore, these numbers can not be provided. **Please accept this statement as certification of pre-registration of carbon black.**

Cabot intends to register carbon black before November 30, 2010.

In order to cover the direct importation by our customers of Cabot carbon black products produced outside the EU, **Cabot will appoint an Only Representative (OR)**. To be covered by the Cabot OR registration, **customers are required to regularly provide the Cabot OR with information as described in the REACH Regulation**, in particular, the name/address of each EU customer to be covered by the Cabot OR registration, the tonnage of Cabot carbon black products imported into

the EU and its use(s). Should this information not be provided in due time or should this information not be accurate, Cabot's OR can not cover the EU importer and the EU importer will remain or become responsible for the compliance of its importation of Cabot's carbon black product(s) under the REACH Regulation.

The European authorities are compiling a **provisional list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)** which should be documented under the REACH Regulation, if present at a concentration greater than 0.1% in a chemical. As of the date of this statement, the provisional list is still draft; it will be reviewed by the EU authorities in the coming months. To the best of our knowledge, Cabot's carbon black products do not contain any substance, above the threshold concentration, identified on the current provisional SVHC list.

In addition, we confirm that currently, carbon black is not classified as a dangerous substance by the EU authorities under the European Directive 67/548/EEC and amendments. To the best of our knowledge, we do not expect carbon black to be classified under the REACH Regulation.

Finally, following discussions between industry, the European Commission, and the EU national authorities regarding the updating of Safety Data Sheets (M/SDS) as required by REACH, the current understanding is that there will be a transitional period until December 1, 2010 for changing M/SDSs into the new required format. Should substantial revision of an existing Cabot product M/SDS be required prior to December 1, 2010, or should a M/SDS be needed for a new product before said date, the document will be published using the new format required by the REACH Regulation. The most current version of Cabot's product M/SDSs can be found on our website.

This information is being provided as of the date hereof. Please refer to Cabot's website – [www.cabot-corp.com](http://www.cabot-corp.com) - for any updates to this information.

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