

## **Titanium Dioxide Manufacturers Association: Updated Statement on French CLH proposal**

The Titanium Dioxide Manufacturers Association (TDMA) is aware that ECHA has received a dossier from the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) proposing a harmonised classification (CLH) for Titanium Dioxide as carcinogen 1B by inhalation, (H350i). The public consultation on this proposal has started on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and it will run until the 15<sup>th</sup> of July: <http://echa.europa.eu/harmonised-classification-and-labelling-consultation/-/substance-rev/13832/term>

The classification for Titanium Dioxide was assessed by the industry as part of the REACH Registration dossier submission in 2010. This involved an extensive review of all available scientific data and, since then, has been updated with new findings and subsequent studies. Based on assessment of the high quality studies, industry and consultant experts have concluded that Titanium Dioxide should not be classified in any of its forms for any end points. This is supported by the findings of epidemiology studies of 24,000 workers in 18 Titanium Dioxide manufacturing plants over several decades which showed no adverse health effects from occupational exposure.

The TDMA is currently carefully reviewing the ANSES proposal and will provide a detailed response to the ECHA public consultation. We will keep you informed regularly on the progress and will welcome any support from your side.

For further information, please contact Paul Anselme or Silvia Ruiz Casan, TDMA Secretariat, at [tdma@cefic.be](mailto:tdma@cefic.be).

### **About TDMA**

The Titanium Dioxide Manufacturers Association - TDMA is a sector group of Cefic (the European Chemical Industry Council) and it represents the major producers of titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) and acts as their responsible voice in Europe since 1974. TDMA promotes and defends the merits of titanium dioxide in all suitable applications by bringing forward evidence of its safety and efficacy. TDMA is a non-profit organisation and it has no commercial role. For all commercial enquiries, please refer to the websites of our members.

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