Situation of Saint-Gobain Vetrotex Textile Glass fibres under REACH

The Textile Glass Fibres are considered as an article under REACH Regulation (Title 1, Chapter 2; Article 3.3)

As producers of articles inside the European Community and importers of articles from countries outside European community, our obligations regarding REACH directive are as follows:

A. Registration:
   - The registration is mandatory only for substances in articles for which the following conditions are met:
     - The substance is intended to be released during normal and reasonable foreseeable conditions of use
     - The total amount of the substance present in the articles exceeds 1 t/y per producer or importer
     - The substance has not yet been registered for that use

   *Our Textile Glass Fibres don’t contain any substances intended to be released in normal condition of use, so we are not concerned by the registration process.*

B. Notification
   - Notification is required for substances of very high concern (SVHC) present in articles and for which the following conditions are met:
     - The substances are present in those articles in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w); and
     - The total amount in those articles exceeds 1 t/y per producer or importer

   *Our Textile Glass Fibres do not contain any SVHC in a concentration above 0.1% according to our current knowledge based on the Safety Data Sheet of our suppliers. So we are not concerned by any notification.*

C. Downstream user

As a downstream user of substances, we already started the intensive communication with our suppliers to verify that all the substances we use would be registered by our suppliers and that our use would be identified in our suppliers’ safety data sheet when required. In addition, communication with suppliers is conducted to ensure that they will continue the supply of their products.

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