

REACH Compliance

The European Union adopted a regulatory policy for chemicals known as Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals (REACH; for more information see http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/index_en.htm), which became effective June 2007. The intent of this legislation is to register and identify hazardous materials entering EU markets.

Chavant clays are “preparations” (mixtures of substances) and are exempt from REACH since the scope of REACH is at the level of substances, not preparations. Registration requires an educated estimate of the total quantity of a substance imported into the EU per annum. The substance manufacturer is uniquely positioned to make that estimate rather than each user of the substance, such as Chavant.

In addition, most of the ingredients in Chavant clays are exempt from registration. Article 2 7(b) and Annex V; point 7 of the REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006, explicitly exempts "minerals which occur in nature, if they are not chemically modified" from registration and evaluation.