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YEAST IS NOT A SUBSTANCE UNDER REACH AND IS NOT CONCERNED BY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Yeast, live or deactivated, is not considered as a « substance » under REACH regulation 1907/2006.

This has been confirmed by national REACH Helpdesks:

Question: are yeast and yeast preparations exempt from registration to the ECHA?

Answer from the British helpdesk:

Dr Douglas Gray

"Yeast in REACH terminology would not be considered as a substance - i.e. it is an organism not a chemical. Yeast itself therefore would not fall within the scope for registration under REACH".

Answer from the Danish Helpdesk regarding registration of yeast:

Dr Sidsel Dyekjær

"Living organisms do not have to be registered. Yeast itself is not a chemical substance as defined in REACH Article 3, 1st paragraph."

and above all by the Commission in its guidance on the interpretation of Annex V:

click here to go to the guidance:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/docs/reach/com_rev_anx_v_guidance_081010_en.pdf

See pages 12-13 :

"**Naturally occurring substances (2) as such:** means, substances obtained, for example, from plants, **micro-organisms**, animals (e.g. blood, milk), or certain inorganic matter such as minerals, ores and ore concentrates, crude oil, coal, natural gas. In this context, **it should be noted that whole living or dead organisms (e.g. yeast, freeze-dried bacteria)** or parts thereof (e.g. body parts, branches, leaves, flowers etc.) **are not considered as substances, preparations or articles in the sense of REACH.** The latter would also be the case if these have undergone digestion or decomposition resulting in waste as defined in Directive 2006/12/EC, such as manure or anaerobic digestion product of biowaste, even if, under certain circumstances, these might be seen as non-waste recovered materials."

(2) Naturally occurring substances that fulfil this definition share a single EINECS entry :

EINECS No 310-127-6 CAS No : 999999-99-4

Substance Name: Naturally occurring substances

Description: Living or dead material occurring in nature as such which is chemically unprocessed, or which is extracted from air by any means or physically processed only by manual, mechanical or gravitational means, by dissolution in water, by flotation or by heating solely to remove water.

Not being a substance under REACH, registration requirement provided by REACH does not apply to yeast, live or deactivated, whatever the use of such yeast.