



AECC Statement on REACH

AECC*, the Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst, is the international, Brussels-based association of European companies making technologies for engine exhaust emissions control. AECC is a non-profit organisation with a scientific purpose.

AECC is fully aware of the REACH Regulation EC N° 1907/2006, which came into effect on 1 June 2007, of its time-table for pre-registration in June 2008 and registration of substances and of the possible consequences for downstream users of chemicals. The AECC members are committed to meet all legal obligations put forward by the REACH Regulation.

Autocatalysts and coated Diesel Particulate Filters reduce gaseous and particle emissions from positive-ignition and compression-ignition combustion engines. They comprise catalytically-active coatings that are impregnated on or structured as an integral component of a ceramic or metallic substrate. These coatings cannot be removed, separated or changed from their substrate carriers. The objects are given a special shape, surface and/or design during the production process which determines their function. The catalyst would not be able to function when separated from the substrate. The substrate itself is not reusable after coating and catalyst is not consumed during normal operation of the product.

The European emissions control by catalyst industry that AECC represents therefore considers the products that they develop, produce and sell to be articles as described in the REACH Regulation according to the definitions in Chapter 2, article 3, paragraph 3. As is applicable to specific products, the AECC Members will individually address any substance-in-article duties, e.g. related to information provision or notification procedures.

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** AECC is an international non-profit scientific association of European companies engaged in the development, production and testing of catalyst and filter based technologies for vehicle and engine emissions control. This includes the research, development, testing and manufacture of autocatalysts, ceramic and metallic substrates and speciality materials incorporated into the catalytic converter and filter and catalyst based technologies to control diesel engine emissions (especially particulates and nitrogen oxides). Members' technology is incorporated in the exhaust emission control systems on all new cars and an increasing number of commercial vehicles, buses and motorcycles in Europe. More information on AECC can be found at www.aecc.eu.*

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