

Position statement Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂)



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Safety is our top priority. This includes the safety of our products in relation to our employees, our customers and the environment.

We are using TiO₂ as an ingredient in our paints and coatings embedded in a resin matrix because it is one of the key pigments for producing the color white and other colors that contain white. It is widely used in a variety of consumer products, such as pharmaceuticals, food colorants, sunscreen, cosmetics and toothpaste.

We are aware of the European Commission's classification of TiO₂ for category 2 carcinogen by inhalation, which may have an impact on how we label our products.

We are currently looking at the implications of the classification proposal for all our end products, both liquid and powder. The change in classification may mean the label will include a warning to avoid breathing any spray or mist when applying the product. With regard to application procedures that may create respirable dust or droplets, we continue to advise the use of appropriate personal protective equipment as recommended in our Material Safety Data Sheets.

AkzoNobel is fully committed to being compliant with all laws and regulations in the countries where we operate.

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