

COMMITTEE ON CARCINOGENICITY OF CHEMICALS IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Update on Talc (for information)

1. At the July 2025 COC meeting, HSE presented an introductory paper on the consideration of the carcinogenicity of talc ($(\text{Mg}_3\text{H}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_4)$, not containing asbestos and asbestiform fibres) under the GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (GB CLP) to the Committee (CC/2025/03).
2. A detailed discussion paper was then presented at the COC meeting in November 2025 (CC/2025/07). Members were requested to address a number of questions on the evidence base underpinning the ECHA Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) opinion on the classification of talc in the EU. This would support HSE's evaluation.
3. In January 2026, HSE published its "[Agency technical report on the classification and labelling of: talc \(not containing asbestos or asbestiform fibres\)](#)"; this is attached in Annex A for Members awareness.
4. HSE also requested that its thanks was passed on to the Committee for the input provided to support the HSE evaluation.

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CC/2026/05 Annex A

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