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### TiO<sub>2</sub> - Update on RAC Meetings

On 1 June 2017 the **first of two meetings of the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) dealing with the proposal to classify TiO<sub>2</sub> as carcinogen took place.**

The industry was represented by observers and experts from the Titanium Dioxide Manufacturers Association (TCMA), the European chemicals association (Cefic) and other sectors. During this first session on TiO<sub>2</sub>, which lasted 3 hours, **industry was given the opportunity to present their views and arguments during a 45 min presentation.** Presentations were also given by ECHA, ANSES, the RAC rapporteur and other non-industry experts.

According to the feedback we received from the TDMA expert:



- RAC did not reach a conclusion on the weight of evidence of the studies of TiO<sub>2</sub> workers.
- The presentation on the **draft opinion suggested that there is no intrinsic toxicity, but only a particle effect.** In which case industry believes, a classification should take into consideration particle shape/morphology, with a reference to asbestos being classified on physical shape.
- **It became clear that any decision on classifying TiO<sub>2</sub> will be applied for all other partially soluble low-toxicity particles (PSLTs) which are proposed for a classification.**
- At the end of the session **the Chair concluded that a classification of TiO<sub>2</sub> as a 1B carcinogen is not supported by RAC. The upcoming discussion on 8 June will therefore be about classifying TiO<sub>2</sub> as category 2 carcinogen or not classifying it at all.**

In parallel to the ongoing discussion in RAC, **CEPE** – the European paints association - **drafted a [letter to the European Commission \(DG Growth\)](#).** Thanks to our contact with EFFC, EMO was invited to co-sign the CEPE letter along with 5 other sector associations.

