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To the attention of the FEPA members  
General Management

## Guideline on communication related to radioactivity

### Background:

After the catastrophe in Japan many clients request from abrasive manufacturers a confirmation that a) abrasive products show no radioactivity b) no unchecked material from Japan is used (including packaging). FEPA has discussed this topic in Commission VI on 5 April 2011 and asks its members to follow the proposed guideline in the communication on radioactivity.

### **What you should not do:**

Do not state that your products show no radioactivity! For many products there is a low radioactivity due to NORM (natural occurring radioactive material) that is a component of some raw materials. So if you say "No Radioactivity" this might be in contradiction to potential measurements.

Do not talk or write about the NORM in your products if there is no specific request or question from your clients or from authorities!

Do not discriminate Japanese products in your answer on client's requests!

### **What you should do:**

You can use the statement: *"There are no artificial radioactive products added to abrasive articles"*.

You can state if this is the case for your particular situation:

*"With reference to your request for a declaration related to our products we would like to inform you that we do not import any raw material(s) or articles directly or indirectly from Japan"*.

If you use raw materials or products from Japan you can use the following statement:

*"We have checked and regularly monitor our products on the potential for radioactive contamination and can confirm that all legal limit values are followed and risks related to radiation do not exist for our products"*

Yours Faithfully,

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