

Global Superabsorbent Polymers for the AHPs Supply Chain Working Group

Terms of Reference

What is the Global Superabsorbent Polymers for the AHPs Supply Chain Working Group?

The Superabsorbent Polymers Supply Chain Working Group consists of member companies of EDANA, which produce superabsorbent polymers defined as crosslinked partially neutralised polyacrylates (superabsorbent polyacrylates), and companies which convert these to put end products on the market. These end products include absorbent hygiene products containing superabsorbent polymers.

Objectives

- Be recognised as the voice of industry on all issues relevant to superabsorbent polyacrylates and the above-mentioned end products to be sought out for views and high quality information
- Promote industry best practice through product stewardship and open dialogue with stakeholders
- Develop and maintain test methods for superabsorbent polymers and the derived end products
- Promote an international scientific, regulatory and public opinion environment that maintain optimal conditions for the manufacturing, marketing and use of superabsorbent polymers and the above-mentioned end products
- Establish and communicate industry guidelines and information on safety, health and environmental aspects of production, marketing and use of superabsorbent polyacrylates throughout their lifecycle
- Collect data and provide information about our industry within the limits of EDANA's competition guidelines, the results shall only be shared with the contributors.
- Maintain contacts with partner associations and with relevant authorities, institutions, and organisations

Who should attend?

Any EDANA member company who is either manufacturing superabsorbent polymers or converting these to the above-mentioned end products can appoint one or more representatives to participate in this Working Group.

Participation in a group is subject to the EDANA guidelines.

Benefits/deliverables

- Promotion of the benefits and the sustainability of superabsorbent polyacrylates and the above-mentioned end products
- Influence on worldwide regulatory and policy developments relevant to the products and the industry

- Publication of standard test methods relevant to the products
- Joint industry positions and guidelines

Chairperson

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