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Dear Guive,

Thank you for your e-mail and your interest in our Swedish recommendations about artificial turf. In the text below you will find the clarification that I sent to Mr. Barnard on the 30th of January this year.

For your information I also send a summary of an evaluation of artificial turf in Sweden. Faugert & Co Utvärdering AB has during September 2007, shortly over a year after the issue of the recommendation, evaluated the reception and the impact of the recommendation.

It is Ok to use this information on your web site.

Regards,

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There are no specific Swedish legislation regarding synthetic soccer fields. But we have a recommendation that you will find it in the report *PM 3/06 Synthetic turf from a chemical perspective* on our web site [http://www.kemi.se/templates/Page\\_4614.aspx](http://www.kemi.se/templates/Page_4614.aspx).

Synthetic turf that contains substances of very high concern should not be used when laying new surfaces for soccer fields. This means that granule formed from recycled rubber should not been used when laying new surfaces.
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Substances of very high concern are not generally banned in Swedish legislation. But according to the environmental objectives of the Swedish parliament *A Non-Toxic Environment* newly produced articles are to be free from substances of very high concern, as far as possible. With substances of very high concern means, according to the interim target 3, mercury, cadmium, lead or substances that are persistent, bioaccumulative, carcinogenic, reprotoxic, mutagenic, severely allergic or can disturb hormonal balance.

You will find more information of *A Non-Toxic Environment* at [http://www.kemi.se/templates/Page\\_2872.aspx](http://www.kemi.se/templates/Page_2872.aspx).

We are not in the process of reviewing the recommendation for the moment.