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General things

REACH & CLP: on-going public consultation

Several public consultations are on-going and available on the ECHA website. They are related to new proposals for harmonised classification and labelling, testing proposals and proposals for restriction.

- proposals for harmonised classification and labelling: related to a biocide (glutaral), deadline 11 November 2013, and to a pesticide (fluopyram), deadline 25 November 2013.
- testing proposals: there are 3 deadlines: 4 November 2013 (3 substances), 18 November 2013 (2 substances) and 5 December 2013 (3 substances).
- proposals for restriction:
  call for evidence on the use of DecaDBE as part of ECHA's preparation of an Annex XV restriction dossier, deadline 5 December 2013.
  3 restriction proposals are on-going on the manufacture and industrial and professional uses of NMP and on the nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylated in textile articles. Deadline 18 March 2014 but early comments are welcome by 29 November 2013 to assist with the first discussions on the proposals.

Final report of the second REACH enforcement project published

The second enforcement project initiated by ECHA's Enforcement Forum focused on the REACH and CLP obligations of downstream users. Of a total of 1 181 companies inspected, 67% did not comply with one or more provisions of these legislations.

One of the main conclusions is that it is clear that the quality of the safety data sheets (SDS) and compliance with the notification and registration obligations need to improve. Given the complexity of the new chemicals legislations, industry needs to undergo a learning phase. However, now seven year after entry into force of the REACH Regulation, future enforcement is expected to be become stricter and more punitive.

Further information on our website and the final enforcement report is available in ECHA's press release.

Save the date! Annual conference on 5 December 2013

On 5 December 2013 (12:30 to 5:30 pm), the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg holds its annual conference at the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

The event consists of two parts: During the conference „REACH&CLP: implementation and future challenges for companies", the Luxembourgish REACH&CLP Helpdesk presents the latest developments on REACH and CLP related to your current and future requirements. The European Commission explains the roadmap on substances of very high concern and the impact on REACH and CLP processes. Presentations are enriched by CETIM (Centre Technique des Industries Mécaniques) as regards the authorisation process in the mechanic sector. The topic on nanomaterials under REACH is also addressed.

Prior to the conference, you are invited to a networking lunch where you can discuss in a relaxed atmosphere with the team of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the lecturers and the other participants.

Further information and the registration form can be found here.

Research report on the costs of substitution of hazardous chemicals

ECHA published a report on the results of a study on the cost estimate for substitution of six substances of concern.

This report is a first step towards understanding the different characteristics specific to the assessment of costs of substitution in the field of hazardous chemicals. All results of this report will also be useful to Member States and companies working on restriction dossiers or authorization applications.

Further information on our website and the research report is available in the ECHA News alert.

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REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restrictions of CHemicals)

Authorisation: first Application for Authorisation for DEHP

ECHA has received the first application for authorisation under the REACH Regulation. The application, made by Rolls-Royce plc., concerns the substance Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP). The use applied for is the processing of a stop-off formulation containing DEHP during the diffusion bonding and manufacture of aero engine fan blades. As foreseen by the authorisation procedure, ECHA invited interested parties to submit relevant information on alternatives for this use of DEHP until 9 October. This consultation is closed now but the comments are available here.

All the information on alternatives submitted during the public consultation will be reviewed and considered by the ECHA Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC). Based on the final opinions of the two committees, the European Commission will take a decision as to whether to grant the applicant an authorisation for the use applied for, or not. Further information can be found here.

Review periods of authorisations

Following a joint meeting of the scientific committees (Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis Committee, ECHA published a summary document about the criteria that will be used to establish the length of the review period on applications for authorisation. Further information can be found here here.

Restriction: final review report on the phthalates DINP and DIDP published

At the end of August, ECHA published its final report on the review of a restriction on the phthalates DINP and DIDP used in toys and childcare articles. Following a public consultation and opinion of Risk Assessment Committee (RAC), it was concluded that there is no evidence that would justify a re-examination of the existing restriction. Further information can be found here.

Navigator tool updated to help industry to identify their obligations

ECHA published an update of its online Navigator tool available in the 23 official languages of the European Union. This navigator is an interactive tool for manufacturers, importers, downstream users and distributors of substances and mixtures as well as producers and suppliers of products aiming for help them clarify their role in the supply chain and identify their obligations under REACH.

Further information on our website and the link to the guidance in the nutshell on registration is available in ECHA's News alert.

Evaluation: new factsheet published

A new factsheet "Follow up to dossier evaluation decisions" has been published by ECHA to clarify the follow-up of ECHA decisions requesting further information to registrants as part of the two assessment processes compliance checks and examinations of testing proposals. Further information can be found in ECHA'S News alert.

For further information, please visit our website "What is REACH?"

CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures)

Fifth Adaptation to Technical Progress published

Regulation (EU) No 944/2013 of the Commission of 2 October 2013 amending CLP regulation for the purpose of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress (ATP) has been published in the Official Journal (L 261, 10/03/2013).

This ATP amends and completes the Annex VI, part 3, of the CLP regulation, which contains two lists of the hazardous substances that are subject to a harmonised classification and labelling (HCL). Table 3.1 lists the HCL of these substances according to Annex I, parts 2 to 5 of the CLP regulation. Table 3.2 gives their HCL according to Annex VI of Directive 67/548/EEC.

The regulation updates some already existing HCL and includes new harmonised classifications, e.g. for naphtha, vinyl acetate and the pesticide epoxiconazole.

A modification has also been made in Table 6.2 of Annex IV CLP adapting precautionary statement "P210" to the changes made in the 5th revision of the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

Transitional periods are foreseen to allow chemical suppliers to adapt themselves to the new rules introduced by this regulation so that they start to apply between December 2014 and April 2016. Furthermore, there are two additional years for chemicals already on the market at the date of application of the regulation. However, it is also possible to take into account the changes before these deadlines (Article 2 of the 5th ATP).

C&L Inventory

C&L inventory now shows the translation of the substances with a harmonised classification according to Annex VI of the CLP regulation.
Further information can be found here.

Opinions of Risk Assessment Committee (RAC)

Recently, the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) adopted 6 opinions for harmonised classification and labeling (CLH) of substances. Substances concerned are: pyridaben, dodemorph, dodemorph acetate, imidazole, spirotetramat and 1,2-epoxybutan.

Based on the opinions adopted by RAC, the European commission prepares decision for introducing new harmonised entries in Annex VI to the CLP regulation.

More information in ECHA's News alert, including the use of these substances and the proposed classification.

For further information, please visit our website "What is CLP?"

AGENDA

National events

5 December 2013 : Annual conference and Networking Lunch, Chamber of Commerce in L- Kirchberg, in French and German. Further information here.

International events

5 November 2013 : Event "Methods for socio-economic analysis under REACH", Dortmund, Germany. Further information here.

14 November 2013 : Training "Substitution of hazardous substances – Alternatives identification and assessment training", SUBSPORT, Hamburg, Germany, in German. Further information here.

21-22 November 2013 : Fifth meeting of the ECHA Stakeholder Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios (ENES 5), Brussels, Belgium. Further information here.

10-11 December 2013 : Workshop « REACH SMEs Workshop », Brussels, Belgium. Further information here.