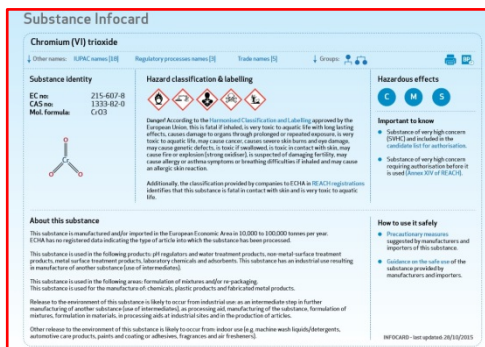


General things



An "identity card" for chemicals

You use or are in regular contact with chemicals in your professional or personal life? And you would like to inform yourself in a fast and simple manner about the characteristics of and possible dangers from a particular substance?

The "Substance Infocard", a new tool provided by [ECHA](#) (European Chemicals Agency), will enable you to see at a glance key characteristics of a chemical substance and informs you about its dangerous aspects as well as the precautionary measures to be taken. This information card aims to facilitate the access to the

information and improve understanding of the subject. In addition, a "brief profile" will provide more details, communicating, among other things, the properties and legal aspects of a substance.

Starting from 20 January, some 120,000 chemical substances are now available in this form via ECHA's database.

Further information can be found in [ECHA's press release](#).

Our best
wishes for a
pleasant and
successful
year 2016!

ECHA letter campaign on substances shortlisted for possible regulatory actions

ECHA has shortlisted nearly 300 substances of which around 200 will be selected for further scrutiny by the Member State competent authorities to decide whether there is a need for regulatory actions, such as compliance check, substance evaluation, harmonised classification and labelling, authorisation or restriction. Registrants of these shortlisted substances (ca. 2500 registrations) will soon receive a letter from ECHA informing them of the on-going activities for their substance. Further information can be found [here](#).

New and on-going public consultations

REACH: [Testing proposals](#) in the framework of the registration procedure

Substances	Start date	Deadline
4 proposals	23/12/2015	03/02/2016

CLP: [Proposals for harmonised classification and labelling](#)

Substances	Start date	Deadline
D-trans-tetramethrin (CAS 1166-46-7)	22/12/2015	05/02/2016
Mesosulfuron-methyl (CAS 208465-21-8)		
Tetramethrin (ISO) (CAS 7696-12-0)		
Colecalciferol, vitamin D3 (CAS 67-97-0)	21/01/2016	07/03/2016

Further substances assessed by authorities

Check the [public activities coordination table](#) (PACT) on ECHA's website for the latest updates on which substances are undergoing informal hazard assessment or risk management option analysis by authorities.

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

Registration

❖ REACH data-sharing principles clarified

The new [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/9](#) on joint submission of data and data-sharing in accordance with the REACH regulation has been published and defines more clearly what the terms “fair, transparent and non-discriminatory” mean for data sharing in the REACH Regulation. It also gives ECHA the mandate to make sure that all registrants of the same substance are part of one joint registration. The regulation is applicable as of 26 January 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

- ❖ Update to the list of substances potentially subject to compliance checks

ECHA has updated the [list of substances](#) that might be chosen for [compliance checks](#). The list now includes altogether 50 new substances. Registrants are advised to check this list and, if needed, update their related registration dossiers by 29 February 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news item](#).

Authorisation

- ❖ New decision on applications to use a substance subject to authorisation

The European Commission issued one [new decision](#) to authorise two uses of Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD). It concerns 13 companies for a use in the formulation of flame-retarded expanded polystyrene (EPS) to solid unexpanded pellets using HBCDD as the flame retardant additive (for onward use in building applications) and a use in the production of flame-retarded expanded polystyrene (EPS) articles for use in building applications. The authorisation is only valid till 21 August 2017.

❖ Majority in MSC supports inclusion of HDDA to the Candidate List

The majority of the Member State Committee's (MSC) members supported Sweden's proposal to identify the skin sensitiser hexamethylene diacrylate (HDDA) as a substance of very high concern (SVHC) and include it in the Candidate List. However, unanimous agreement could not be reached and the case will be referred to the Commission. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

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Restriction – New restriction added to Annex XVII REACH

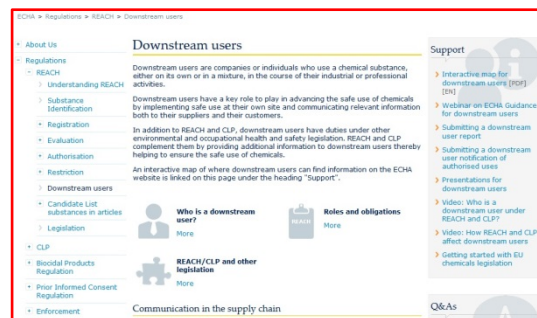
Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation was amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 2016/264](#) of 13 January 2016. This regulation adds a new entry in Annex XVII that introduces a maximum concentration ($\geq 0.01\%$) of Nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPE) in textile articles which can reasonably be expected to be washed in water during their normal lifecycle.

Evaluation – Conclusions and evaluation reports for 16 substance evaluation cases available

Altogether, 16 substance evaluation cases have been concluded in 2015: three for substances evaluated in 2012, two for substances evaluated in 2013 and 11 for substances evaluated in 2014. The conclusion documents and the evaluation reports are available on [ECHA's website](#). The conclusion document provides the view of the evaluating Member State on the need for regulatory risk management measures.

Downstream users – New web section on ECHA's website

ECHA has published a [new web section](#) to keep downstream users informed on how REACH 2018 can affect them. This new section will also bring regular updates on other REACH and CLP aspects important to downstream users. ECHA also invites all downstream users to play a role in the REACH 2018 preparations, by encouraging their suppliers to engage with these activities and to provide realistic and relevant information that contributes to the safe use of chemicals.



For further information, please visit our website ["What is REACH?"](#)

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

Supplemental label information for fluorinated greenhouse gases

The new [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2068](#) on the format of labels for products and equipment containing fluorinated greenhouse gases makes also reference to CLP. In cases where a product containing fluorinated greenhouse gases is also to be labelled according to CLP, the specific labelling information for fluorinated greenhouse gases have to be included as supplemental information (Article 25 CLP) in the CLP label.

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AGENDA

The program of 2016 events will be available soon.

International events

- 19-20 April 2016 Topical Scientific Workshop - New Approach Methodologies in Regulatory Science, Helsinki, Finland. Further information: [here](#).
- 25 May 2016 11th Stakeholders' Day, Helsinki, Finland. Further information: [here](#).

Webinars

- 10 February 2016 "Applications for authorisation: How to respond during public consultation" Webinar. Further information: [here](#).
- 2 March 2016 "REACH 2018: Get organised with your co-registrants - SIEF management and data sharing" Webinar. Further information: [here](#).

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