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EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

CLP

- **Alloys: changes in product categorisation for notifying poison centres**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The European product categorisation system (EuPCS) has been updated for several categories, including alloys.

The European product categorisation system (EuPCS) is used to describe 'the intended use of a mixture' for which a submission has to be made according to Article 45 and Annex VIII of the CLP Regulation. Examples of intended uses include the use as an adhesive, as a decorative paint, or as a dishwashing detergent.

More information:

<https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/-/changes-in-product-categorisation-for-notifying-poison-centres>

- **Five EU countries accept poison centres notification through ECHA's portal**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

You can now notify your hazardous mixtures to Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania and Slovenia through ECHA's Submission portal. By January 2021, most EU countries will only accept poison centre notifications through the ECHA portal. Find the contact details of all national authorities on the national support page.

More information:

<https://poisoncentres.echa.europa.eu/appointed-bodies>

- **Registry of CLH intentions until outcome**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Sodium 3-(allyloxy)-2-hydroxypropanesulphonate is used in Corrosion inhibitors and anti-scaling agents, as intermediates and as solids separation agents. The substance has been added on 19 June 2020 to the Registry of

intentions for classification and labelling harmonisation (CLH). The CLH intention concerns reproductive toxicity.

The registry of classification and labelling (CLH) intentions until outcome lists the intentions and proposals received by ECHA for a new or revised harmonised classification and labelling of a substance. The proposals are submitted by Member State competent authorities, manufacturers, importers or downstream users.

Interested parties can follow the progress of a proposal through the CLH process, from the notification of the intention to the adoption of the opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC). The advance notice enables interested parties to plan and prepare for commenting later on.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1850909ff>

BIOCIDES

- **Biocides Working Group Meeting III-2020**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

New meetings are scheduled for ECHA's Biocides Working Group. The meetings of the different working groups are scheduled to take place virtually from 8 to 18 September 2020.

- The Working Group on analytical methods and physico-chemical properties is scheduled to discuss "in situ generated active substances" (presumably including active chlorine generated from electrolysis).
- The agenda of the Efficacy Working Group contains an item concerning "Early WG on efficacy requirements for disinfectants of swimming pools and spas PT 2".

More information:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/22836226/wgiii2020_provisional_draft_agenda_en.pdf/1bb80b98-a37e-12d3-7723-c2166242230c

- **Art. 95 update for chlorine released from sodium chloride and hypochlorous acid**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The updated Article 95 list includes new entries included in July 2020 for:

- Active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis (Redefined from Active Chlorine: manufactured by the reaction of hypochlorous acid and sodium hypochlorite produced in situ).
- Active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid (Redefined from Active Chlorine: manufactured by the reaction of hypochlorous acid and sodium hypochlorite produced in situ).

ECHA is responsible for the publication of the list of relevant substances and the respective substance and product suppliers, in accordance with Article 95 of the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR). The purpose of this list is to "ensure the equal treatment of persons placing active substances on the market".

The new entries list the registration of active chlorine released from generated from sodium chloride and from hypochlorous acid by electrolysis for 5 types of disinfectant products: PT 1 human hygiene products; PT 2: disinfectants/algaecides; PT 3: veterinary hygiene; PT 4: food and feed; and PT5: drinking water.

More information:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/27434452/art_95_list_en.pdf/c752c5ae-358c-e84b-652a-fb98106dfe8e

- **Published summary of product characteristics for a biocidal product family**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

ECHA has published a summary of product characteristics for biocidal product family under the name: QUARON PAA Family.

More information:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/26345665/102266_BE-0024550-0000_2_BE_en.pdf/ee7e2c32-a210-8d9a-4038-f3378da51746

- **Published assessment report of a biocidal family for national authorisation**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

ECHA published product assessment report of a biocidal family for national authorisation for QUARON PAA family concerning peracetic acid contained in biocidal product types 2, 3 and 4.

The biocidal product family is based on the equilibrium peracetic acid – hydrogen peroxide, in presence of acetic acid, as defined in the CAR of the active substance. The formulation of the whole family is liquid concentrate (SL).

More information:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/26346687/102158_BE2020-0011-00-00_PAR.docx/c47b179e-7453-7f93-9b11-37d9fe3f231c

- **Published summary of product characteristics for a biocidal product family**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

ECHA has published a summary of product characteristics for a biocidal product named: INDAL PAA 2.5

More information:

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/26345665/102266_BE-0024550-0000_2_BE_en.pdf/ee7e2c32-a210-8d9a-4038-f3378da51746

- **Consultation: Nonylphenol Harmonised classification and labelling**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Nonylphenol is used in manufacturing antioxidants, lubricating oil additives, and can also be used to produce tris(4-nonyl-phenyl) phosphite (TNPP), which is an antioxidant used to protect polymers, such as rubber, Vinyl polymers, polyolefins, and polystyrenics. The European Chemicals Agency is carrying out several open consultations on nonylphenol, branched and linear, ethoxylated. Parties concerned are invited to comment on hazard classes open for consultation, which are indicated in the substance table below.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/harmonised-classification-and-labelling-consultation?>

REACH

- **Diisocyanates restricted under REACH**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Conditions of the restriction for diisocyanates are laid out in Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1149. Diisocyanates should not be used on their own or as a constituent in other substances or in mixtures for industrial and professional uses in concentrations above 0.1 % by weight after 24 August 2023. Placing on the market will be restricted earlier – as of 24 February 2022.

Diphenil methane diisocyanate is associated with liquid systems for the waterproofing of swimming pools.

Diisocyanates are respiratory and skin sensitisers. They are mainly used to make polyurethane products, such as foams, sealants and coatings. Restricting their use is estimated to prevent over 3 000 new cases of occupational asthma per year in the EU. Read more about the conditions of the restriction in the Commission Regulation.

More information:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R1149&rid=1>

- **Infographic: Four phthalates restricted**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) have been restricted in the EU since 7 July 2020. ECHA developed an infographic to inform about the chemicals and the benefits of restricting their use.

More information:

https://chemicalsinourlife.echa.europa.eu/documents/23718410/29529839/protecting-our-future-fathers_en.pdf/dd27a957-c5ec-f335-9485-6f56995cce3e

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

WATER

- **EU watchlist of substances for monitoring in the field of water policy**

Source: European Commission

The European Commission has adopted and published on 4 August 2020 an updated watchlist of substances to be monitored in EU surface waters. The watch list is contained in the recently published Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1161 establishing a watch list of substances for Union-wide monitoring in the field of water policy pursuant to Directive 2008/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. The watch list is based on the recommendations contained in the [JRC technical report](#) published on 28 July 2020.

More information:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.257.01.0032.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:257:TOC

REACH

- **Deadlines for updating registration dossiers clarified**

Source: European Commission

The European Commission has clarified the meaning of ‘without undue delay’ in an implementing regulation, which has now received a favourable vote by all Member States. Companies are responsible for updating their registrations with relevant new information, on their own initiative, without undue delay.

Foreseen deadlines for the different types of updates will become applicable after the publication of the implementing regulation, expected later this year. ECHA is preparing further information for registrants, including an update of the guidance on registration.

More information:

https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm?do=search.documentdetail&dos_id=0&ds_id=66989&version=3

ENERGY

- **Launch of review of renewables and energy efficiency directives**

Source: European Commission

The Renewable Energy Directive (2018/2001/EU) and the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU and 2018/2002/EU) are scheduled for a legislative review. The European Commission has recently published roadmaps for the review of both directives to inform stakeholders and citizens of what the goals of this initiative are and which policy options are being considered, and opened a seven-week period (3 August – 21 September) for public feedback on the concept. This will feed into the Commission's further preparatory work for these reviews.

For renewables, the [roadmap](#) is in the form of an inception impact assessment. It will assess whether the EU renewable energy target should be raised and whether other parts of the directive would need to be modified.

For energy efficiency, a combined [evaluation roadmap and inception impact assessment](#) is foreseen. The evaluation will review the adequacy of the directive in view of the existing energy efficiency targets, policies and measures set out in the national energy and climate plans, and taking into account the higher climate target and recent Commission initiatives.

More information:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/review-renewables-and-energy-efficiency-directives-commission-launches-first-steps-process-2020-aug-04_en

BIOCIDES

- **Citric acid included as an active substance in BPR Annex I**

Source: Chemycal.com

This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include [citric acid](#) as an active substance in Annex I thereto.

More information:

https://chemycal.com/news/e8cb6f52-c618-4e6b-998c-c4e7982f5f68/Draft_EU_Delegated_Regulation_amending_Regulation_EU_No_528_2012_to_include_citric_acid_as_an_active_substance_in_Annex

STAKEHOLDERS

EVENTS

- **Changes to EU Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Requirements**

Source: Chemical Watch

Under the EU's REACH Regulation, hazardous chemicals manufactured in, or imported into, the EU must be accompanied by an SDS.

Annex II to the Regulation describes how SDSs – which are used to provide detailed information on chemical substances and mixtures – should be compiled.

Advances in scientific and technical knowledge about substances have led to many changes and adaptations to existing regulatory instruments.

This webinar is intended to provide a detailed overview of these changes and how they will affect the requirements set out in the compilation of SDSs.

More information:

<https://events.chemicalwatch.com/141675/changes-to-eu-safety-data-sheet-sds-requirements-6-october-2020>

- **Preparing for Inspection Under REACH and CLP**

Source: CW

Learn how to confidently manage regulatory inspections under REACH and CLP with this training course held over five sessions on two consecutive days that will provide you with the right information, tools and strategies needed to embed compliance with the regulations into your company's management of chemicals. With the regulations comes enforcement and inspection – and lots of questions:

- Who are the regulators?
- Does each member state carry out enforcement in the same manner?
- How is enforcement coordinated?
- What are the penalties for non-compliance?
- What is the focus of inspections?
- How can we demonstrate compliance?
- How can we prepare for an inspection?

Using presentations, discussions and exercises, this workshop will answer these questions and provide attendees with the information they need to ensure that they can cope with an inspection with confidence and what actions need to be taken to ensure compliance.

More information:

<https://events.chemicalwatch.com/137930/preparing-for-inspection-under-reach-and-clp-28-29-september-2020>

- **The Piscine Global Europe exhibition postponed**

Source: Euro Spa & Pool News

New dates for the major event for the swimming pool and spa industry. As anticipated a few weeks ago, the announcement is official. GL events has decided to postpone the next edition of Piscine Global Europe, initially scheduled from 17 to 20 November 2020, in Lyon - Eurexpo. This major event for the swimming pool and spa industry has been rescheduled to 9 to 12 February 2021.

More information:

https://www.eurospapoolnews.com/actualites_piscines_spas-en/66398-messe,stuttgart,swimming,pools,saunas,spas,messe,stuttgart.htm

- **Europe's PFAS problem: situation briefings by independent experts**

Source: European Environmental Bureau

The new Mark Ruffalo film Dark Waters puts highly fluorinated chemicals firmly back in the public spotlight, for good reason. Toxic PFAS pollution is now widespread, but the scene is dominated by vested interests seeking to maintain the status quo.

With the EU set to announce the most wide-reaching reform of chemical safety laws in over a decade, including a PFAS action plan and ECHA restriction proposals, understanding this dense field is more crucial than ever.

We have brought together four top independent researchers to explain the current state of knowledge for all professionals dealing with or interested in PFASs. If you are unable to attend, please email alessia.biasioli@eeb.org for recordings.

Next to this, EEB proudly presents a primer on the status and uses of PFASs in the EU. The report is available [here](#).

More information:

<https://eeb.org/europes-pfas-problem-situation-briefings-by-independent-experts-series-of-webinars-september-2020/>