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EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

REACH

- **Minutes of 47th meeting of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Undecafluorohexanoic acid is widely used, including in swimming pool filters. The Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) prepares the opinions of ECHA related to the socio-economic impact of possible legislative actions on chemicals in the following REACH processes. The SEAC last met in June 2020; the meeting minutes were released on 17 August 2020 and detail the following:

Opinion development on undecafluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA), its salts and related substances – first draft opinion

The Chairman welcomed the Dossier Submitter's representative from Germany, the RAC rapporteurs and the occasional stakeholders and the experts accompanying regular and occasional stakeholder observers. He informed the participants that the restriction dossier had been submitted in December 2019.

The Secretariat provided to the Committee a report from the RAC discussions on this dossier held within RAC-53. The rapporteurs then presented the first draft opinion to the Committee. The regular and occasional stakeholder observers commented on derogations, concentration limits and transition periods. The members pointed out that information was lacking and asked industry to submit more data in the ongoing consultation.

The Chairman concluded that the Committee supports the approach of the rapporteurs so far. The (co-)rapporteurs were requested to prepare the second draft opinion, taking into account the SEAC-47 discussions and the results of the SEAC written consultation, by early August 2020. The members were requested to provide remaining comments via the commenting round on the first draft opinion by 3 July 2020.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/22838427/SEAC-47+final+minutes.pdf/21a015b5-2dd7-2259-74fe-a0063bb365dd>

- **Substance evaluation conclusions on oxydipropyl dibenzoate**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Oxydipropyl dibenzoate has been added to ECHA's substance evaluation list, with the substance evaluation conclusions published. The evaluation was carried out by the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre. There are various applications where oxydipropyl dibenzoate is used, including by professional workers and at industrial sites in adhesives and sealants, coatings, inks, plasticisers and lubricants.

Oxydipropyl dibenzoate (DPGDB) was originally selected for substance evaluation in order to clarify concerns about: Suspected Reprotoxic; Wide dispersive use; Exposure of environment and workers; High RCR; Consumer use; High (aggregated) tonnage. The evaluation of the available information on the substance has led the evaluating Member State to conclude that there is no need for regulatory follow-up action at EU level.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/evaluation/community-rolling-action-plan/corap-table/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1807ebf2e>

- **Substance evaluation conclusions on oxydiethylene dibenzoate**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

Oxydiethylene dibenzoate has been added to ECHA's substance evaluation list, with the conclusions of the substance evaluation published. The evaluation was carried out by the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre. There are various applications where oxydiethylene dibenzoate is used, including by professional workers and at industrial sites in adhesives and sealants, coatings, inks, plasticisers and lubricants; as a plasticiser for PVC.

Oxydiethylene dibenzoate (DEGDB) was originally selected for substance evaluation in order to clarify concerns about: Suspected Reprotoxic, Consumer use, Exposure of environment and workers, High (aggregated) tonnage, Wide dispersive use. The evaluation of the available information on the substance has led the evaluating Member State to conclude that there is no need for regulatory follow-up action at EU level.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/information-on-chemicals/evaluation/community-rolling-action-plan/corap-table/-/dislist/details/0b0236e180b92824>

CLH

- **Consultation on CLH intention for dimethyl propylphosphonate**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The substance has been added to the Registry of intentions for classification and labelling harmonisation (CLH). The CLH intention concerns Germ cell mutagenicity and 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). Parties concerned are invited to comment on hazard classes open for consultation, which are indicated in the substance table below. The consultation is open from 24 August to 23 October.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/harmonised-classification-and-labelling-consultation/-/substance-rev/26110/term>

- **CLH intention for 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctan-1-ol**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The substance has been added to the Registry of intentions for classification and labelling harmonisation (CLH). The proposed harmonised classification by the dossier submitter is related to two classes: specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure); and hazardous to the aquatic environment.

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 CLH intention for this

substance was announced on 23 July 2020, the dossier is expected to be submitted on 31 August 2020.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1852e44c3>

BIOCIDES

- **Reaction mass of titanium dioxide and silver chloride**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The identity of the substance reaction mass of titanium dioxide and silver chloride, for use in product-types 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9 has been redefined to silver chloride. Interested parties are invited to notify ECHA by 18 August 2021 to keep it in the Review Programme for use in these product-types.

More information:

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/upcoming-deadlines>

- **Active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid update of Article 95**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The recently updated Article 95 list includes a new entry for 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 entry lists the registration of active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid by Ecabiotec Swiss SA for PT 1 (human hygiene products); PT 2: disinfectants/algaeicides; PT 3: veterinary hygiene; PT 4: food and feed; and PT5: drinking water. Ecabiotec is a supplier of substances and products

based in Switzerland. The document also lists new entries for active chlorine released from sodium hypochlorite for biocidal product types 1 to 5.

More information:

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

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

REACH

- **Draft agenda of the 89th meeting of the competent authorities**

Source: European Chemicals Agency

The draft agenda was published for the 89th meeting of representatives of the Competent Authorities of the Member States concerning the implementation of the Biocidal products Regulation. The meeting will take place in virtual format on 24–25 September 2020. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- Draft delegated act to include citric acid into Annex I to the BPR
- Covid-19 survey on the need of disinfectants
- Addressing the need of disinfectants: Active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid and active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis
- Article 55(1) permits for disinfectants
- Non-active substances containing in biocidal products having indications for ED properties

More information:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/e947a950-8032-4df9-a3f0-f61eefd3d81b/library/bd21fa66-54ed-4e9c-9c12-c22a6d417875/details>

- **Updated list of substance evaluation renewals allocated to Member States**

Source: European Commission

The European Commission has updated Implementing Regulation 2020/1093 which allocates to Member States, for the purposes of the renewal procedure,

the evaluation of active substances whose approval expires between 31 March 2025 and 27 December 2028.

More information:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020R1093>

- **EU Commission sets time limit on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid exemption**

Source: European Commission

The Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs) has agreed to significantly reduce the number of exemptions from the ban of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and to make the remaining exemptions time-limited. Consequently, the European Commission is proposing to amend Annex I of the EU Regulation on POPs to make the only remaining exemption for PFOS ban in the EU time-limited. The corresponding legal act has now been published.

More information:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/regdel/#/delegatedActs/1372>

CLH

- **Commission publishes documents on classification of methyl isobutyl ketone**

Source: European Commission

The European Commission has published documents related to the public consultation on the draft advisory report on the carcinogenic and genotoxic properties of methyl isobutyl ketone (synonym, 4-methylpentan-2-one, MIBK). The MIBK REACH consortium is currently conducting a study on the properties of said substance.

The [first document](#) originates from the subcommittee on the Classification of carcinogenic substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Health Council; the [second document](#) provides additional details on the study.

More information:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/a0b483a2-4c05-4058-addf-2a4de71b9a98/library/2ddb89e-36f1-46b4-9c3a-9f0e7167be29>

WATER

- **Workshop: Financing of the EU Water Framework Directive and Floods Directive**

Source: European Commission

The European Commission (EC) has launched a new study for strengthening the knowledge base on costs, investments and financing mechanisms of EU water policy. In order to share and consolidate the first findings of the study, the EC is organising an online workshop on Tuesday 6 October 2020. The main questions addressed by the workshop are as follows:

- What are the costs of, and investments required for, implementing EU water policy, and in particular the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Floods Directive (FD)?
- Which financing instruments are in place for supporting implementation?
- Which financing challenges do countries face in mobilising adequate financial resources to respond to the ambitions of EU water policy and the WFD and FD in particular?
- Which solutions (short to long term, addressing both the demand (costs/investments) and the supply of financial resources) could be considered for addressing these financing challenges?
- What are current gaps in economic knowledge, and which gaps would need to be filled in priority to better inform water management and policy decisions?
- The workshop will include presentations of the first findings of the study and illustrative examples of Member State practices, complemented by interactive discussions and working sessions with all participants, i.e. economists and water experts from competent authorities, stakeholder representatives and academia across Member States.

More information:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/9ab5926d-bed4-4322-9aa7-9964bbe8312d/library/7f20716d-7a8b-491c-b1f4-d40fc63af160/details>

STAKEHOLDERS

CHLOROFORMATES

- **Cefic activities expand with new sector group addressing chloroformates**

Source: EuroChlor, a sector group of Cefic

April 2020 saw the introduction of a new sector group to Cefic focusing on chloroformates. Cefic welcomes this new group as part of their Halogens/ Euro Chlor Industry Group.

The new safety and advocacy-driven chloroformates cluster will advance authority understanding and worker safety on this class of toxic and reactive chemical substances used as intermediates in the manufacture of various fine chemicals (e.g. pharmaceuticals) and as reagents in plastic production. The group is composed of BASF, Framochem/ Vandemark and Saltigo GmbH (LANXESS AG).

As a first activity, the group will prepare an advice document on how to safely handle, transport and store drums of the most hazardous chloroformates. Anyone who is interested in supporting the drafting of this document, or in participating in group activities, should contact the group manager, Richy Mariner (rma[at]cefic.be), who is available in case of further questions.

More information:

<https://www.eurochlor.org/news/new-chloroformates-group/>