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WELCOME

Dear Reader,

The REACH e-bulletin brings you key issues relating to the EU REACH and UK REACH (Registration Evaluation and Restriction of Chemicals) regulation.

We bring information on proposed changes, confirmed changes and the possible effects of these changes from a manufacturing, retail and consumer perspective. Opinions from all concerned parties are reported so a full picture of the workings and effects of the regulation are shared.

The information in the following pages is sourced from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and government sources (HSE, DEFRA etc.). Each of our articles are linked back to source for further reading.

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UK REACH UPDATE

Following the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the subsequent transition period, the EU REACH regulation has been brought into UK Law. REACH, and related legislation, have been replicated in the UK in a domestic context, upholding the aims and principles of EU REACH.

Manufacturers and importers have a duty to register chemicals that are intended for the UK market. Additionally, UK-based companies registered with EU REACH were required to transfer their registrations to an EU/EEA organisation or they cannot sell into the EU/EEA. The process for organisations in Northern Ireland that will be moving goods to and from the EU will not change from 2021.

UK HELD REGISTRATIONS – 'GRANDFATHERING'

- EU REACH registrations held by UK-based organisations were able to be legally 'grandfathered', meaning they move across into the new UK REACH legislation
- The grandfathering process for UK-based holders of EU REACH registrations required companies to provide basic information to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) by 30 April 2021
- Under UK REACH, the submission of data for registration dossiers must be supplied to the HSE. The information for UK-based holders will be the same or similar to that provided previously. Holders have 2, 4 or 6 years from 28 October 2021, to submit data, with the deadline based on tonnage bands

EU HELD REGISTRATIONS FOR UK DOWNSTREAM USERS

- UK downstream users who are importing chemicals from EEA/ EU countries and do not hold an EU REACH registration will need to ensure that the chemicals they purchase are covered by UK REACH, even if the registration is held by an EU/EEA-based organisation



- By 27 October 2021, these UK downstream users must notify the HSE using a Downstream User Import Notification (DUIN) of their intention to continue importing substances from the EU/EEA
- A new registration must then be submitted in accordance with the deadlines above
- Support their EU/EEA-based importers to become registrants
- To maintain access to the UK market, GB-based entities with an EU REACH registration will also need to register under UK REACH
- The process for Northern Ireland organisations that will be moving goods to and from the EU will not change from 2021

AUTHORISATIONS

- From 1 January 2021 UK downstream users could no longer rely on authorisation decisions for EU/EEA organisations
- UK REACH will recognise existing authorisations that have gone through the full authorisation process and that have a review date
- New authorisation applications or those waiting for EU approval will also need to be submitted under UK REACH
- EU Market access for UK organisations
- GB-based entities with an EU REACH registration can continue exporting to the EU/EEA as long as they do one of the following:
 - Transfer their registration to an EU/ EEA-based entity

COMPLYING WITH UK REACH

The UK Government launched a portal in January which enables organisations to:

- Submit DUINs
- Submit new substance registrations
- Submit new product and process orientated research and development (PPORD) notifications
- Validate existing UK-held EU registrations (known as grandfathering)

If you want assistance or would like more information please contact a member of our team. Or read through the regulations on - [How to comply with REACH chemical regulations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Further information can be found at - [REACH - HSE](#)

NEA NEWSLETTER – 202104

ECHA published the 25th batch SVHC consultation list

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published a new batch of the SVHC consultation list on 9 March, 2021. Eight substances are subjected to public consultation in the list. The deadline for consultation was 23 April 2021. The substances whose proposals are adopted will be included in the 25th SVHC candidate list.

EU updates limits for PCP under POP regulation.

On 23 February 2021, the EU published Regulation (EU) 2021/277 to set a limit for PCP, its salts and esters. The amendment sets a limit of no more than 5 mg/kg for PCP, its salts and esters in substances, mixtures or articles and became effective on 15 March 2021.

EU updates limit requirement for HFRs in electronic displays

On 23 February 2021, the EU published Regulation (EU) 2021/341 amending a series of regulations including Regulation (EU) 2019/2021 on ecodesign requirements for electronic displays. The amendment also clarified the prohibition requirements for halogenated flame retardants (HFR) in the enclosures and stands of electronic displays.

Several EU member states prohibit food contact bamboo-melamine plastics.

In February 2021, a joint letter from the authorities of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg (Benelux countries) notified business operators to withdraw food contact 'bamboo-

melamine' plastics from the EU market immediately. The Benelux authorities will take enforcement actions from the second quarter of 2021 and will pursue infringement actions for non-compliance. Additionally, several EU Member State authorities such as Finland, Ireland and Spain have issued similar announcements on it, while some RASFF notifications in 2020 have shown bamboowares to be rejected by Austria border control.

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EU HARMONIZES EN 12472:2020 FOR NICKEL RESTRICTION UNDER REACH

The European Union has recently updated its list of standards for demonstrating compliance with the requirements for nickel under Annex XVII of REACH. The revised list takes effect immediately.

In April 2021, the European Commission published on its website (EC website) the latest list of standards for demonstrating presumption of

conformity with nickel falling under entry 27 to Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

EN 12472:2020 replaces the previous version, EN 12472:2005+A1:2009, as the method for the simulation of accelerated wear and corrosion for the detection of nickel release from coated items.

The announcement does not indicate an effective date but can be considered as immediately binding in April 2021.

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[EU Harmonizes EN 12472:2020 for Nickel Restriction Under REACH | SGS](#)



EU – SVHC CANDIDATE LIST UPDATED TO CONTAIN 211 ENTRIES

On 19 January 2021, the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) added two new SVHCs to the Candidate List. The addition of the new Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) brings the total number of entries to 211.

The two new SVHCs are:

- Bis(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)ether (Tetraglyme). The ninth glycol ether identified as SVHC

- Dioctyltin dilaurate, stannane, dioctyl-, bis(coco acyloxy) derivs., and any other stannane, dioctyl-, bis(fatty acyloxy) derivs. wherein C12 is the predominant carbon number of the fatty acyloxy moiety

SVHCs may be introduced into various consumer products due to the complexities of both the supply chain and production process. Identifying high risk products or materials, or employing

a thorough test strategy, can be a smart way to ensure compliance and save costs. In the end, it's only trusted because it's tested.

Sourced from and further information found on this link:

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EU – ECHA LAUNCHES FIRST 2021 SVHC CONSULTATION ON EIGHT PROPOSALS

On 9 March 2021, ECHA launched the first 2021 public consultation on eight potential SVHCs. The Candidate List will expand to 219 if these proposals are accepted. The eight potential SVHCs are:

1. 1,4-dioxane
2. Its Carcinogen 1B-classification is considered to be included in Annex VI of the CLP regulation in the draft of the upcoming 17th ATP
3. 2,2-bis(bromomethyl)propane-1,3-diol (BMP); 2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol, tribromo derivative/3-bromo-2,2-bis(bromomethyl)-1-propanol (TBNPA); 2,3-dibromo-1-propanol (2,3-DBPA)
4. 2-(4-tert-butylbenzyl)propionaldehyde and its individual stereoisomers
5. 4,4'-(1-methylpropylidene) bisphenol; (bisphenol B)
6. Glutaral
7. Medium-chain chlorinated paraffins (MCCP) [UVCB substances consisting of more than or equal to 80% linear chloroalkanes with carbon chain lengths within the range from C14 to C17]
8. Orthoboric acid, sodium salt
9. Phenol, alkylation products (mainly in para position) with C12-rich branched or linear alkyl chains from oligomerization, covering any individual isomers and/ or combinations thereof (PDDP)

SGS is committed to providing information about development in regulations for consumer products as complimentary services. Through a global network of laboratories, SGS provides a wide range of services including physical/mechanical testing, analytical testing and consultancy work for technical and non-technical parameters applicable to a comprehensive range of consumer products. In the end, it's only trusted because it's tested. Sourced from and further information found on this link:

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SCIP ARTICLE NOTIFICATION

Since 5 January 2021 EU duty holder must submit I6z file to SCIP database if article or product made up of articles placed on EU market contains SVHC > 0.1%. If the product has been placed on the EU market before 5 January 2021 and will continue to be provided in the future, the duty holder should complete the submission of the SVHC dataset to the SCIP database by 5 January 2021.

As from 5 January 2021, if new SVHC is included into SVHC candidate list and new SVHC concentration in the article is >0.1%, the duty holder needs to update the previous submitted file or submit new SVHC dataset to the SCIP database before the next supply or next placement on EU market.

At SGS, we can help you to create 16v file for SCIP notification and offer you a consultant service.

Sourced from and further information found on this link: [SCIP Article notification | ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS - SGS Taiwan](#)



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