

REACH: Seven New SVHC Expand ECHA Candidate List

On 31 May 2011, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) announced that seven new compounds are identified as substances of very high concern (SVHC). This Candidate List will be updated soon to the ECHA website.



Once a substance is put on the candidate list, producers, importers or suppliers may have to consider communication obligations that require them to provide business clients and consumers with information on the safe use of any product containing SVHC exceeding 0.1% (w/w). Retailers have 45 days to respond to consumer inquiries regarding the presence of SVHC in the product.

Background

In February 2011, ECHA invited interested parties to public consultation which ended in April. Now the Member states have agreed to add seven new substances to the Candidate List. An eighth SVHC, cobalt dichloride, was originally included in the Candidate List in October 2008 and the purpose of its second consultation is to update its classification to "toxic to reproduction." The substances are listed below:

SEVEN NEW SUBSTANCES OF ECHA CANDIDATE LIST AND COBALT DICHLORIDE

Substance name	EC no. (CAS no.)	Reason for proposing	Remarks (examples)
2-ethoxyethyl acetate	203-839-2 (111-15-9)	CMR*	In paints, adhesives, glues, cosmetics, leather, wood stains, semi-conductors, photographic and photolithographic
Strontium chromate	232-142-6 (7789-06-2)	CMR*	In paints, varnishes and oil colors, metal conditioners or in aluminum flake coatings
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11-branched and linear alkyl esters (DHNUP)	271-084-6 (68515-42-4)	CMR*	Plasticizer in PVC, electrical cables and adhesives
Hydrazine	206-114-9 (7803-57-8; 302-01-2)	CMR*	In metal coatings, on glass and plastics, in plastics, rubber, PU and dyes
1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	212-828-1 (872-50-4)	CMR*	Solvent in coatings, surface treatment of textiles & resins and metal coated plastics
1,2,3-trichloropropane	202-486-1 (96-18-4)	CMR*	Solvent in degreasers, cleaning solutions, paint thinners, pesticides, resins and glues
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich (DIHP)	276-158-1 (71888-89-6)	CMR*	Plasticizer in PVC, sealants and printing inks
Cobalt dichloride	231-589-4 (7646-79-9)	CMR*	Absorber for gases, humidity indicator, dye mordant for glass industry, invisible inks, electroplating and additive in rubber

Note: *CMR means - Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or Toxic to Reproduction

Additional Information

- ECHA Press Release: http://echa.europa.eu/news/pr/201105/pr_11_13_msc_identify_seven_new_svhc_en.asp
- ECHA will update Candidate list at: http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_table_en.asp

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