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Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern brings new duties for companies

Today, ECHA has included 15 substances in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorisation. The list was published on ECHA website today. It will be regularly updated when more substances are identified as SVHC. ECHA urges companies to check their potential obligations resulting from the Candidate List.

ECHA's Executive Director Geert Dancet said: "All companies should take note of the Candidate List. It is critical they know that the inclusion of the substances in the list generates immediate new legal obligations for the communication in the supply chain."

On 8 October 2008, the Member State Committee unanimously agreed on the identification of 14 substances as SVHC. Beforehand, one substance was identified as SVHC without Member State Committee involvement, as no comments were provided during the public consultation. The Candidate List of the 15 substances is available on the ECHA website and in the table below.

IMPACT OF THE LISTING

Companies may have **legal obligations** resulting from the inclusion of the substances in the Candidate List from the date of inclusion. These obligations are linked to the listed substances on their own, in preparations and in articles.

OBLIGATIONS: ARTICLES

- **From 28 October 2008**, EU & EEA suppliers of articles which contain substances on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w) **must provide sufficient information, available to them, to their customers and on request to consumers within 45 days of the receipt of this request.** This information must ensure safe use of the article and, as a minimum, include the name of the substance.
- **From 1 December 2011**, EU and EEA producers or importers of articles have to **notify ECHA** when their article contains a substance on the Candidate List. This obligation applies if the substance is present above 0.1% (w/w) and its quantities in the produced/imported articles are above 1 tonne in total per year per company.

OBLIGATIONS: SUBSTANCES

- **From 28 October 2008**, EU & EEA suppliers of a substance have to **provide a safety data sheet to their customers** when the substance is on the Candidate List.

OBLIGATIONS: PREPARATIONS

- **From 28 October 2008**, EU and EEA suppliers of a preparation not classified as dangerous according to Directive 1999/45/EC have to **provide the recipients, at their request, with a safety data sheet** if the preparation contains at least one substance on the Candidate List and its individual concentration is at least 0.1% (w/w) for non gaseous preparations and at least 0.2% by volume for gaseous preparations.

Further Information

The **Candidate list pages** on the ECHA website provide an up-to-date version of the list as well as background information on it and related obligations. The pages can be accessed at:

http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_en.asp

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Annex 1: The Candidate List

Substance name	EC number (CAS Number)	Basis for Identification as a SVHC
Anthracene	204-371-1	Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
4,4'- Diaminodiphenylmethane	202-974-4	Carcinogen, cat. 2
Dibutyl phthalate	201-557-4	Toxic for reproduction, cat. 2
Cobalt dichloride	231-589-4	Carcinogen, cat. 2
Diarsenic pentaoxide	215-116-9	Carcinogen, cat.1
Diarsenic trioxide	215-481-4	Carcinogen, cat.1
Sodium dichromate	234-190-3 (7789-12-0 10588-01-9)	Carcinogen, cat. 2; Mutagen, cat. 2 Toxic for reproduction, cat. 2
5-tert-butyl-2,4,6-trinitro-m-xylene (musk xylene)	201-329-4	Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
Bis (2-ethyl(hexyl)phthalate) (DEHP)	204-211-0	Toxic for reproduction, cat.2
Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD) and all major diastereoisomers identified (α – HBCDD, β -HBCDD, γ -HBCDD)	247-148-4 and 221-695-9 (134237-50-6, 134237-51-7, 134237-52-8)	Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
Alkanes, C10-13, chloro (Short Chain Chlorinated Paraffins)	287-476-5	Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
Bis(tributyltin)oxide	200-268-0	Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
Lead hydrogen arsenate	232-064-2	Carcinogen, cat. 1 Toxic for reproduction cat. 1
Benzyl butyl phthalate	201-622-7	Toxic for reproduction, cat. 2
Triethyl arsenate	427-700-2	Carcinogen, cat. 1

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