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EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

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- **Updated IUCLID for SCIP notifications**
  Source: European Chemicals Agency

The IUCLID tool for SCIP notifications has been updated with an extended and more complete web interface.

SCIP is the database for information on Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects (Products). Companies supplying articles containing substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) on the EU market have to submit information on these articles to ECHA, as of 5 January 2021.

The new release completes the advanced search for datasets and dossiers and improves the selection of the article and mixture categories. Users can now prepare a SCIP notification of a complex object by referring to information already submitted to the SCIP database. New support documents for preparing and submitting a SCIP notification is also available.

A new version of IUCLID has been deployed to the ECHA Cloud Services to provide improvements for the preparation of Poison Centre Notifications and notifications to the SCIP database. For SCIP notifications, article referencing is now supported as well as a new way to select article categories which are now displayed in a tree. You will find more details in the release notes. You can find more information on SCIP database and your obligations on this webpage.

More information:
https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/fi/view-article/-/journal_content/title/iuclid-updated-in-echa-cloud-services

REACH

- **PFHxA restriction proposal: updated indicative list of substances**
  Source: European Chemicals Agency

This update concerns the restriction proposal for undecafluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA), its salts and related substances. The information note and indicative

list of substances within the scope of the proposal was updated on 16 July 2020 and are available on the consultation webpage for the PFHxA restriction proposal. The deadline for comments on the PFHxA restriction report is **25 September 2020**.

More information:
https://echa.europa.eu/restrictions-under-consideration/-/substance-rev/25419/term

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Consultation: Environmental performance claims of products & businesses**
  Source: European Commission

The European Commission has launched a new public consultation concerning a proposal for a Regulation on environmental claims of products and businesses. Stakeholders can provide feedback on the 'Inception Impact Assessment' which outlines the various policy options the European Commission could take to draft its future proposal for a Regulation.

This initiative will require companies to substantiate claims they make about the environmental footprint of their products/services by using standard methods for quantifying them.

The aim is to make the claims reliable, comparable and verifiable across the EU – reducing 'greenwashing' (companies giving a false impression of their environmental impact). This should help commercial buyers and investors make more sustainable decisions and increase consumer confidence in green labels and information.

Stakeholders such as industry associations and individual companies can provide feedback on the proposed Regulation until **31 August 2020**.

More information:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12511-Environmental-claims-based-on-environmental-footprint-methods

- **Review of the environmental performance of the European chemical industry**

  Source: European Commission

The European Commission's 'Science for Environmental Policy' published a three-page review entitled 'Sustainability starts small: towards green chemistry for a cleaner, more sustainable global future'.

The document states that 'a sustainable society requires green chemistry and engineering, with compounds and processes that are renewable, benign and readily degradable.' The review considers how to maintain and improve the performance of the chemical industry, whilst limiting or eliminating any negative impacts that may threaten the sustainability of both human and planetary wellbeing.

More information:
https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?action=display&doc_id=68517

STAKEHOLDERS

SAFETY

- **Joint recommendations on safe and healthy workplaces in the Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Plastics and Rubber Industries in times of COVID-19**

  Source: European Chemical Employers Group

The Social Partners of the Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Plastics and Rubber Industries, industriAll European Trade Union and the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG), issued joint recommendations on workplace health and safety in times of COVID-19.

The recommendations draw attention both to the guidelines issued by tripartite entities such as EU-OSHA or ILO on the safe return to work and national-level sector recommendations/agreements (in Annex).

More information:
https://www.eceg.org/joint-recommendations-safe-healthy-workplaces-chemical-pharmaceutical-plastics-rubber-industries-covid-19/

EVENTS

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

  Source: Chemical Watch

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

- Who are the regulators?
- Is each Member State the same?
- How is enforcement co-ordinated?
- 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 a mixture of presentations, discussions and exercises, this workshop will answer these questions and provide attendees with the information they need to ensure that they can manage inspection with confidence and what action is needed to embed REACH and CLP compliance into the company management and ethos. Key topics to be covered include:

- Roles and responsibilities of regulators, including ECHA, MSCA, Customs and Member State variations
- Penalties and prosecutions
- Triggers and formats for inspections
- Evaluating and managing risk of non-compliance
- Management Systems and how to use them for REACH / CLP compliance
- Preparing for a successful inspection

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

- **<u>Webinar: Detergents, Chemicals & Cleaning Products: Quality and Innovations</u>**

  Source: Vonlanthen Group

Health and hygiene have become a priority for governments as well as for consumers, especially in the light of the global COVID-19 crisis. Led by the industry experts, Detergents, Chemicals & Cleaning Products LIVE webinar on 24 September 2020, will provide an opportunity to participate in the interactive discussion on the recent strategies, perspectives, and expectations in the field. Learn more about R&D trends, innovations, optimized formulations to deliver safe, sustainable and environmentally friendly.

More information:
https://www.vonlanthengroup.com/en/detergents-chemicals-cleaning-products-quality-and-innovations