

Four New Substances Added to The Candidate List of "Substances of Very High Concern" (SVHCs) – The Candidate List for Authorization Now Contains 205 Substances

SVHCs are substances that may have serious effects on human health or the environment, and the Candidate List details those candidates for eventual inclusion in the Authorization List. Once they are on the Authorization List, industry will need to apply for permission to continue using the substance after the sunset date. And companies may have legal obligations (to the listed substance on its own, in mixtures or in articles) resulting from the inclusion of the substance in the Candidate List.

Changes:

On 2020-01-16, The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) added 4 Substances to the Candidate List for authorization. Their SVHC properties are listed as following:

#	Substance name	EC	CAS	Reason for inclusion	Examples of use(s)
1	Diisohexyl phthalate	276-090-2	71850-09-4	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	Not registered under REACH.
2	2-benzyl-2-dimethylamino-4'-morpholinobutyrophenone	404-360-3	119313-12-1	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	The substance is used in polymer production
3	2-methyl-1-(4-methylthiophenyl)-2-morpholinopropan-1-one	400-600-6	71868-10-5	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 (c))	The substance is used in polymer production
4	Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and its salts	-	-	Equivalent level of concern having probable serious effects to the environment (Article 57(f) - environment) Equivalent level of concern having probable serious effects to human health (Article 57(f) – human health)	Used as a catalyst/additive/reactant in polymer manufacture and in chemical synthesis. It is also used as a flame retardant in polycarbonate (for electronic equipment).

Obligations:

Legal obligations resulting from the inclusion of substances in the Candidate List are effective from the date of inclusion (in this case 2020-01-16). EU and EEA producers or importers of articles have to notify ECHA (within 6 months after the inclusion date) if their article contains a substance on the Candidate List. This obligation applies if the substance is present in those articles in quantities totalling over one tonne per producer or importer per year and if the substance is present in those articles above a concentration of 0.1% w/w.

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