

NEWSLETTER

ECHA adds two hazardous chemicals to Candidate List

On 14 June 2023, ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) announced in ECHA/NR/23/17 that it has added the following two new chemicals to the Candidate List.

#	Substance name	EC number	CAS number	Reason for inclusion	Examples of use(s)
1	Diphenyl	278-355-8	75980-60-8	Toxic for	Inks and toners, coating products, photo-chemicals,
	(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)			reproduction	polymers, adhesives and sealants and fillers, putties,
	phosphine oxide			(Article 57c)	plasters, modelling clay.
2	Bis(4-chlorophenyl)	201-247-9	80-07-9	vPvB (Article 57e)	Manufacture of chemicals, plastic products and rubber
	sulphone				products.

After these two new entries, SVHC (Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern) now contains 235 entries for chemicals that can harm people or the environment. Companies are responsible for managing the risks of these chemicals and giving customers and consumers information on their safe use.

Consequences of the Candidate List

Under REACH, companies have legal obligations when their substance is included – either on its own, in mixtures or in articles – in the Candidate List.

Suppliers of articles containing a Candidate List substance above a concentration of 0.1% (weight by weight) have to give their customers and consumers information to be able to use them safely. Consumers have the right to ask the suppliers whether the products they buy contain substances of very high concern.

Under the Waste Framework Directive, companies also have to notify ECHA if the articles they produce contain substances of very high concern in a concentration above 0.1% (weight by weight). This notification is published in ECHA's database of substances of concern in products (SCIP).

Effective Date:

Importers and producers of articles will have to notify ECHA if their article contains a Candidate List substance within six months from the date it has been included in the list (14 June 2023). Suppliers of substances on the Candidate List, supplied either on their own or in mixtures, have to provide their customers with a safety data sheet.

Reference:

https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-adds-two-hazardous-chemicals-to-candidate-list

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