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Concerns: Review of existing restrictions for phthalates

Position paper of the Commission as regards ECHA's recommendation on the following Phthalates: DEHP, BBP, DBP, DINP, DIDP, DNOP

Following its request sent on 4 of September 2009, the Commission services received on 30 of April 2010 the final report regarding the evaluation of new scientific evidence on the six phthalates (attached to this document).

The ECHA general recommendation for the six phthalates (DEHP, BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP):

“To wait for the submission of the registration dossiers after which the Commission may decide on further action” as the available information does not indicate the need for an urgent re-examination of the existing restriction. Furthermore as the 3 classified phthalates are already included in the candidate list in accordance with Art. 59, REACH, the notification under Article 7(2) may bring further information on the presence of these phthalates after June 2011.

The Commission acknowledges such recommendations and will follow ECHA's suggestion to wait for all the registration dossiers. As ECHA indicates the registration dossiers may contain information on additional uses of the six phthalates which may cause a risk which needs to be addressed to Community level. The additional information from the registration dossier may also contain data on the hazard and exposure assessment of these phthalates which may lead to possible reconsideration of the EU risk assessment report finalised according to the Regulation (EC) No 793/93 on existing substances evaluation.

As soon as the deadline of the completed registration dossier will be reached, 30 November 2010, the Commission will decide on how to proceed with the evaluation of the additional

information received and whether to request ECHA to prepare an Annex XV dossier in accordance with Article 69(1) of REACH.

The ECHA review reports can be found at the following address:
http://echa.europa.eu/reach/restriction/existing_restriction_en.asp.