



EU Environment Report

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CHEMICALS

European Chemicals Agency consults on 54 proposals for Substances of Very High Concern

On 3 September, the European Agency opened a consultation on 54 chemicals that could be classified as substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the REACH candidate list by the end of the year. The list of substances includes acetic acid, 21 lead compounds, the flame retardant deca-BDE, a series of perfluorinated acids, the phthalates n-pentyl-isopentylphthalate and diisopentylphthalate, and several azo dyes. Substances on the candidate list are subject to extra information requirements. They will also be considered for addition to the REACH authorisation list.

The public consultation will end on 18 October 2012. Interested parties can post their comments on the ECHA website.

To read the ECHA press release: http://echa.europa.eu/en/web/guest/view-article/-/journal_content/512b7526-9dd6-4872-934e-8c298c89ad99.

Commission extends deadline for approval of triclosan

On 20 August, the European Commission adopted a decision extending the deadline for companies seeking EU approval for use of the biocide triclosan in disinfectants and as a preservative. The extension also applies to 2-phenoxyethanol. The new deadline for the submission of dossiers is 30 September 2013.

To read the original text of the Decision, please click here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:226:0006:0007:EN:PDF>.

ECO-DESIGN

Updated eco-design requirements for glandless circulators

On 11 July, the Commission issued a Regulation amending the eco-design requirements for glandless standalone circulators and glandless circulators integrated in products. The Commission believes the amendment is required in order to avoid unintended effects on circulator markets and on the performance of the products covered by the Regulation.

The Regulation is available here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:180:0004:0008:EN:PDF>

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This newsletter briefly describes EU environment developments.

Due to the general nature of its content, this newsletter is not and should not be regarded as legal advice.

New draft eco-design rules for lighting

In July, Member state experts supported new eco-design standards for directional lamps, LED lamps and related equipment. The proposal introduces increasingly stringent energy efficiency standards in 2013, 2014 and 2016. The proposal has now passed to the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament, which have three months to raise objections.

The draft Regulation is available here: http://env-ngo.eup-network.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Produktgruppen/Lots/Working_Documents/Directional_Lighting_draft_regulation.pdf

WASTE

EU regulatory committee approves end-of-waste criteria for glass

In July, an EU regulatory committee has approved end-of-waste criteria for glass cullet. The European Parliament will now scrutinise the end-of-waste rules before they are adopted by the European Commission, which is likely to happen in the coming months. The Committee failed to reach agreement on criteria for scrap copper and recovered paper.

More information on end-of-waste criteria is available here: <http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/activities/waste/>

New WEEE Directive enters into force

On 24 July, the revised Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment ("WEEE") was published in the EU's official journal. The revised Directive will apply to specific types of WEEE from 13 August 2012 to 14 August 2018. After that, all forms of WEEE will be covered, with certain exemptions. The new directive is broader in scope than the previous directive, and applies stricter national collection targets.

The WEEE Directive is available here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:197:0038:0071:EN:PDF>

OTHER

New type-approval requirements for vehicles

On 12 July, the Commission published a Regulation extending the type-approval requirements to motor vehicles fuelled by hydrogen (H2) and mixtures of hydrogen and natural gas (H2NG) with respect to emissions.

The Regulation is available here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:182:0014:0026:EN:PDF>

The Months Ahead

9 – 12 September

Electronics Goes Green 2012+, Berlin, Germany

<http://www.egg2012.de/>

9 – 12 September

Energy challenge and environmental sustainability, Venice, Italy

<http://www.iaeeu2012.it>

10 – 13 September

World Heavy Oil Congress, Aberdeen, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/world-heavy-oil-congress-2012-13080>

13 September

UV Disinfection – Where Next?, Leeds, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/uv-disinfection-where-next-2012-13374>

13 – 14 September

Tourism, Climate Change and Sustainability, Bournemouth, UK

<http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/climatechange2012>

13 – 14 September

Essentials of Power Trading, London, UK

http://www.informaglobalevents.com/appdata/downloads/essentials-of-power-trading-training-course//Essentials_of_Power_Trading.pdf

17 – 18 September

Energy from Waste, London, UK

<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/events/overview.asp?is=5&ref=4003>

18 September

Reducing CO₂ emissions from shipping – Rethinking European policies, Brussels, Belgium

www.epc.eu

18 – 19 September

FT Global Energy Leaders Summit 2012, London, UK

<http://www.climatechangecapital.com/news-and-events/events/ft-global-energy-leaders-summit-.aspx>

19 – 20 September

ExPPERTS Europe, London, UK

<http://www.arena-international.com/expertseurope/>

20 September

Renewables M&A Conference 2012, London, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/renewables-m-a-conference-2012-13195>

24 September

Transnational Oil, Gas and Energy Law, London, UK

http://www.informaglobalevents.com/appdata/downloads/oil-gas-energy-law-distance-learning-derby-university//FKW12258_Transnational_Oil_Gas_and_Energy_Law.pdf

24 September

Aviation, Climate Change and Trade: Is Policy Still Up in the Air?, Geneva, Switzerland

<http://ictsd.org/i/events/dialogues/137734/>

24 – 25 September

European Clean Technology & Investments 2012, London, UK

<http://www.umievents.com/en/UMI-Energy/Conferences/European-Clean-Technology-2012.htm>

24 – 27 September

HydroPredict2012 — 3rd International Interdisciplinary Conference on Predictions for Hydrology, Ecology, and Water Resources: Water Resources and Changing Global Environment, Vienna, Austria

<http://web.natur.cuni.cz/hydropredict2012/>

25 September

Unconventional Gas & The Environment Conference: Engaging Stakeholders, Tackling Misinform, London, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/unconventional-gas-the-environment-conference-engaging-stakeholders-tackling-misinform-13104>

25 – 26 September

BIOM2E Global Bioenergy Congress 2012, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

<http://www.biom2e.com/>

25 – 26 September

The 2012 European Summit on Energy & Commodities Trading Regulation & Compliance, London, UK

<http://www.infoline.org.uk/event/energy-trading-compliance-conference>

26 – 28 September

Power Industry Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey

<http://powerindustry-events.com/turkey>

27 – 28 September

Annual Conference on EU Waste Management Law 2012, Brussels, Belgium

https://www.era.int/cgi-bin/cms?_SID=856760ef405a41a0fcc36c69d443a41700ec49c700201712199922&_sprache=en&_persistant_variant=/Our%20programme/Browse%20all%20events&_bereich=artikel&_aktion=detail&idartikel=123071

28 – 29 September

2nd International Conference on Environment and BioScience (ICEBS 2012), Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<http://www.icebs.org/>

2 October

ADWICE Stakeholder Exchange Conference 2012 Adapting Drinking Water Resources to the Impacts of Climate change in Europe, Brussels, Belgium

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/advice-stakeholder-exchange-conference-2012-adapting-drinking-water-resources-to-the-impacts-of-climate-change-in-europe-13388>

3 October

The European shale gas conference 2012, Brussels, Belgium

http://www.eu-ems.com/summary.asp?event_id=122&page_id=973

4 – 5 October

Gas to Liquids, London, UK

<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/events/overview.asp?is=5&ref=4073>

8 – 9 October

Carbon Trading, Risk & Strategy, London, UK

http://www.informaglobalevents.com/appdata/downloads/Carbon_Trading.pdf

8 – 10 October

6th European Water and Wastewater Management Conference & Exhibition,
Manchester, UK
<http://www.ewwmconference.com>

8 – 11 October

Gastech 2012, London, UK
<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/gastech-2012-13077>

10 – 11 October

Scottish Low Carbon Investment Conference, Edinburgh, UK
<http://www.slccconference.com/>

10 – 11 October

Energy Solutions 2012, London, UK
<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/energy-solutions-2012-12599>

10 – 12 October

Mastering Renewable & Alternative Energies, London, UK
www.iff-energy.com

11 – 12 October

Annual Conference on European Water Management Law 2012, Prague, Czech Republic
https://www.era.int/cgi-bin/cms?_SID=2cbaab2124af0f046d72ed168e3cc7b50deaa9e700189853027676&_sprache=en&_persistant_variant=/Our%20programme/Browse%20all%20events&_bereich=artikel&_aktion=detail&idartikel=123072

15 – 16 October

Climate Change: Security, Resilience and Diplomacy, London, UK
<http://www.chathamhouse.org/climatechange2012?campaign=confalerts>

15 – 16 October

Main Principles of EU Environmental Law, Luxembourg
<http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/activities09/show/&tid=5014>

15 – 16 October

Aermod Training, London, UK
<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/aermod-training-london-uk-12545>

17 – 18 October

The Macrothème Conference on Energy Policy and Environment, Paris, France
http://www.macrotheme.com/international_conferences/paris_-_energy_and_environment

23 – 25 October

Expobioenergia 2012, Valladolid, Spain
<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/expobioenergia-2012-12251>

24 – 26 October

Worlds Within Reach: From Science to Policy, Wien, Austria
<http://ictsd.org/i/events/ictsd-recommends/137271/>

25 – 26 October

Ecological balance: man and environment, Saint Petersburg, Russia
<http://en.lengu.ru/research/international-conferences/ecological-balance-man-and-environment>

25 – 26 October

Local Renewables 2012 Conference, Freiburg, Germany
<http://www.local-renewables-conference.org/freiburg2012/>

25 – 26 October

EU Financing for Energy Efficiency and Renewables in Public Projects, Berlin, Germany

http://www.euroakad.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/dateien/seminars/EU_Financing_for_Energy_Efficiency_and_Renewables_in_Public_Projects_PR.pdf

25 – 26 October

Green Deal Forum 2012, London, UK

http://marketforce.eu.com/Conferences/greendeal12/?utm_source=conferencealerts.com&utm_medium=event_calendar&utm_campaign=greendeal12_conferencealerts.com

28 – 30 October

Global Energy 2012, Geneva, Switzerland

<http://www.globalenergygeneva.com>

29 October – 2 November

Traffic and Environment Management for Sustainability 2012, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/traffic-and-environment-management-for-sustainability-2012-13301>

29 October – 2 November

Climate Change: Earth System, Future Scenarios and Threats 2012, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

<http://www.environmental-expert.com/events/climate-change-earth-system-future-scenarios-and-threats-2012-13325>

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