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Public consultation launched on SEAC's draft opinion on restricting four phthalates

Concerned parties are invited to comment on the SEAC's draft opinion on a restriction proposal aiming to limit exposure to humans from four phthalates - DEHP, DBP, BBP, and DIBP - in consumer articles. The deadline for comments is 3 September 2012.

Helsinki, 6 July 2012 – A public consultation of the restriction proposal, submitted by Denmark, on four phthalates took place from September 2011 to March 2012. The proposal has been discussed in ECHA's Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC), taking into account the comments received during the earlier public consultation and the advice from the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement.

RAC adopted its opinion concluding that the available data does not indicate that there is currently a risk from combined exposure to the four phthalates. The Committee was also of the opinion that existing regulatory measures and the consequential reduction in use would further reduce exposure. On the basis of these considerations, RAC concluded during its meeting in June that the proposed restriction is not justified.

In line with RAC's opinion, SEAC subsequently agreed on a draft opinion that there is no basis for a supportive opinion as risk from combined exposure was not demonstrated.

In accordance with the REACH Regulation, ECHA is now launching a public consultation on SEAC's draft opinion. Comments received will be reviewed and taken into account by SEAC in its final opinion, which is scheduled for adoption by 15 December 2012.

The Agency will then submit the opinions of RAC and SEAC to the European Commission. The final decision on the restriction will be taken by the European Commission.

Further information

Consultation details and link to give comments

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/restrictions-under-consideration>

Press release on the opinion adopted by RAC and draft opinion agreed by SEAC on restriction proposal on four phthalates

http://echa.europa.eu/en/web/guest/view-article/-/journal_content/926431e7-3a71-4f06-b22c-9c6b54966df3

Restriction web page

<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/reach/restriction>

Draft opinion of SEAC submitted for public consultation
<http://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/restrictions-under-consideration>

