

SEAC concludes on three restriction proposals and evaluates 12 applications for authorisation, agreeing on 16 draft opinions for individual uses

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Restriction proposal on ammonium salts

SEAC agreed on a draft opinion, in support of the proposal from France to restrict the use of inorganic ammonium salts in cellulose insulation materials. The restriction aims to completely reduce the identified risks (i.e. eye and respiratory irritation) for EU citizens from the release of ammonia from cellulose insulation materials containing inorganic ammonium salts.

The 60-day public consultation on the SEAC draft opinion will be launched in March 2015. SEAC plans to adopt its final opinion in June 2015.

Restriction proposal on cadmium and its compounds in artists' paints

SEAC adopted its final opinion by consensus, on cadmium and its compounds in artists' paints, not supporting the proposal from Sweden to restrict the placing on the market and use of cadmium and its compounds in artists' paints covered by TARIC codes 3213 and 3212. The reason for the proposed action by Sweden was a concern for human health through the environment. Having considered the twelve comments received during the public consultation on the draft opinion agreed in November 2014, SEAC made no changes to its opinion.

Restriction proposal on chrysotile

SEAC adopted its final opinion, in support of the ECHA proposal, made at the request of the European Commission, to amend the current derogation for diaphragms in electrolysis installations in the existing restriction (entry 6 in the Annex XVII to REACH). The proposal aims to introduce a time limit to the currently open ended derogation on the placing on the market of chrysotile until 2017 and on the use of chrysotile until 2025 and new reporting duties for the two companies involved. Having considered the 45 comments received during the public consultation on the draft opinion agreed in November 2014, SEAC has made some adjustments to the justification of its opinion.

Applications for authorisation

The Committee examined 12 applications for authorisation on 17 uses of trichloroethylene. SEAC agreed on 16 draft opinions on the applications for authorisation.

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