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ECHA LAUNCHED A NEW WEB SECTION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS

ECHA has launched today a new section, ECHA CHEM, on its website. Under this section you will find public information and documents from REACH processes as they become available. The first information to be published is the Registry of Intentions. The registry will list the intentions of the Member States Competent Authorities / the Commission to submit proposals for 1) identification of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), 2) harmonised classification and labelling, and 3) restrictions. The List of Pre-registered substances, the Candidate List of SVHC for authorisation and public information on registered substances will be made available in this web section at later stage.

The public registry of intentions will allow interested parties to become aware of the substances for which the authorities intend to submit such proposals (in the form of an Annex XV dossier). It will also avoid duplication of work and encourage co-operation between Member States when preparing such proposals. Later in the process after the final proposals have been submitted to ECHA interested parties will be able to comment these on the Consultation section of the ECHA website.

ECHA will update the Registry of Intentions regularly as it receives submissions from the authorities.

Further Information

ECHA-CHEM-DATA can be accessed at:

http://echa.europa.eu/chem data en.asp

The Consultation section of the ECHA website can be accessed at:

http://echa.europa.eu/consultations en.asp

Background information on the authorisation, restriction and harmonised classification processes can be found in the REACH guidance section of the ECHA website at:

http://reach.jrc.it/reach_processes_en.htm

If you have **questions** in relation to the Registry of Intentions, please send those to ECHA Helpdesk using the information request form. The form can be accessed in the REACH helpdesk section of the ECHA website at:

http://echa.europa.eu/reach/helpdesk/echahelp_en.asp

If you have any **problems using the new web section** please inform the ECHA Web Team using the web comments form at:

http://dev-website1/about/form_website/form_website_en.asp