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How to track hazardous substances in the supply chain

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Overview

- Setting the scene
- Tracking hazardous substances from cradle to cradle
- SCIP database

Setting the scene





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Tracking hazardous substances from cradle to cradle









Supply chain and article producers





Summary

Vision

- Cradle-to-cradle flow of information for all life cycle stages, accessible and relevant for each actor
- REACH supply chain (substances and mixtures): information on all hazardous ingredients
- REACH article supply chain: visibility on SVHCs to enable safe use, substitution, consumer choice and appropriate waste treatment

Enabled by

 Investments in REACH supply chain can bring more harmonised (consistent) and processable data for safety assessment

Substances of very high concern





(SVHC)

Substance of very high concern

Candidate List of SVHCs

- Carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic for reproduction (CMR category 1A or 1B)
- Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT)
- Very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB)
- Equivalent level of concern (ELoC)

Candidate List



Official source: ECHA's website



Obligations for SVHCs

- Candidate List substances as such or in mixtures
 - Mandatory to provide a safety data sheet
 - Mixture safety data sheet:
 - Candidate List substances must be identified (Section 15) and concentration provided in Section 3.2.
 - Provide a safety data sheet for non-hazardous mixture (acc. CLP) with PBT, vPvB, and ELoC substances, upon request by the recipient
- Presence of Candidate List substances above 0.1% weight/weight in articles leads to obligations for those articles









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Articles: REACH and SCIP notification

	Communication in supply chains	SCIP notification
Conditions	Substance of very high concern	- % > 0.1% w/w
	Article defined	
Information	Sufficient information to allow safe use of the article, considering all life-cycle stages, as well as foreseeable misuse, recycling and disposal	
Identification	As a matter of course: e.g. catalogues, labels	Needs to be provided
Format	Not specified Could be re-used?	SCIP format by ECHA

SCIP database on substances of concern in products





SCIP Database

- Information on substances of very high concern in articles as such or in complex objects (products)
- Established under Waste Framework Directive
- Ensures that information about the presence of SVHCs is available throughout the whole life cycle of products and materials, including at waste stage





SCIP Database objectives Reduce the content of (severely) hazardous

substances in materials and products, including recycled materials

> Push for **substitution** of substances of concern and **prevention** of (hazardous) waste generation





Contribute to a more circular economy: improve waste treatment operations Increase authorities' **information** basis on substances in articles







Advice to industry



As from 5 January 2021

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- Improving REACH and CLP processes, tools and data will support tracking hazardous substances
- Improve transparency about (severely) hazardous substances as such and in mixtures and articles
- Contribute to ensuring safe use of chemicals at all stages of their lifecycle
- Improve product safety and reducing hazardous waste
- Contribute to making **recycled** products safer
- Empower consumers and supply chain actors to make **better informed** choices





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