

Decision number: TPE-D-2114312127-62-01/F

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DECISION ON TESTING PROPOSAL(S) SET OUT IN A REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 40(3) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 1907/2006**For Reaction mass of disodium 2,2'-oxydiethanesulfonate and sodium ethenesulfonate, EC No 700-978-5, registration number: [REDACTED]****Addressee: [REDACTED]**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has taken the following decision in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 50 and 51 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation).

I. Procedure

Pursuant to Article 40(1) of the REACH Regulation, ECHA has examined the following testing proposals submitted as part of the registration dossier in accordance with Articles 10(a)(ix) and 12(1)(e) thereof for Reaction mass of disodium 2,2'-oxydiethanesulfonate and sodium ethenesulfonate, EC No 700-978-5, submitted by [REDACTED] (Registrant).

- Stability in organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products (no standardised guideline available);
- Dissociation constant according to OECD test guideline 112 (dissociation constant in water);
- Viscosity according to OECD test guideline 114 (viscosity of liquids).

This decision is based on the registration as submitted with submission [REDACTED], for the tonnage band of 1000 tonnes or more per year. This decision does not take into account any updates after 7 June 2015, i.e. 30 calendar days after the end of the commenting period.

This decision does not imply that the information provided by the Registrant in his registration dossier is in compliance with the REACH requirements. The decision does not prevent ECHA from initiating a compliance check on the registration at a later stage.

ECHA received the updated registration dossier containing the above-mentioned testing proposals for further examination pursuant to Article 40(1) on 31 October 2014.

On 31 March 2015 ECHA sent the draft decision to the Registrant and invited him to provide comments within 30 days of the receipt of the draft decision.

By 7 May 2015 the Registrant did not provide any comments on the draft decision to ECHA.

On 3 September 2015 ECHA notified the Competent Authorities of the Member States of its draft decision and invited them pursuant to Article 51(1) of the REACH Regulation to submit proposals for amendment of the draft decision within 30 days of the receipt of the notification.

As no proposal for amendment was submitted, ECHA took the decision pursuant to Article 51(3) of the REACH Regulation.

II. Testing required

A. Tests required pursuant to Article 40(3)

The Registrant shall carry out the following proposed tests pursuant to Article 40(3)(a) of the REACH Regulation using the indicated test methods and the registered substance subject to the present decision:

1. Stability in organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products (Annex IX, Section 7.15.);
2. Dissociation constant (Annex IX, Section 7.16.; test method OECD 112);
3. Viscosity (Annex IX, Section 7.17.; test method OECD 114).

Note for consideration by the Registrant:

The Registrant may adapt the testing requested above according to the specific rules outlined in Annexes VI to X and/or according to the general rules contained in Annex XI of the REACH Regulation. In order to ensure compliance with the respective information requirement, any such adaptation will need to have a scientific justification, referring to and conforming with the appropriate rules in the respective Annex, and an adequate and reliable documentation.

Failure to comply with the requests in this decision, or to fulfil otherwise the information requirements with a valid and documented adaptation, will result in a notification to the Enforcement Authorities of the Member States.

B. Deadline for submitting the required information

Pursuant to Articles 40(4) and 22(2) of the REACH Regulation, the Registrant shall submit to ECHA by **23 June 2016** an update of the registration dossier containing the information required by this decision, including, where relevant, an update of the Chemical Safety Report.

III. Statement of reasons

The decision of ECHA is based on the examination of the testing proposals submitted by the Registrant for the registered substance.

A. Tests required pursuant to Article 40(3)

Pursuant to Article 40(3)(a) of the REACH Regulation, ECHA may require the Registrant to carry out the proposed tests.

1. Stability on organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products (Annex IX, Section 7.15.)

“Stability on organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products” is a standard information requirement if stability of the substance is considered to be critical (Annex IX, Section 7.15. of the REACH Regulation). The information on this endpoint is not available for the registered substance subject to the present decision but needs to be present in the technical dossier to meet the information requirements. Consequently there is an information gap and it is necessary to provide information for this endpoint.

The Registrant has submitted a testing proposal for that endpoint.

ECHA considers the proposed test appropriate and testing should be performed with the registered substance.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 40(3)(a) of the REACH Regulation, the Registrant is requested to carry out the proposed study with the registered substance: Stability on organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products.

2. Dissociation constant (Annex IX, Section 7.16.)

“Dissociation constant” is a standard information requirement as laid down in Annex IX, Section 7.16. of the REACH Regulation. The information on this endpoint is not available for the registered substance subject to the present decision but needs to be present in the technical dossier to meet the information requirements. Consequently there is an information gap and it is necessary to provide information for this endpoint.

The Registrant has submitted a testing proposal for that endpoint.

ECHA considers the proposed test appropriate and testing should be performed with the registered substance.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 40(3)(a) of the REACH Regulation, the Registrant is requested to carry out the proposed test using the registered substance: Dissociation constants in water (test method: OECD 112).

3. Viscosity (Annex IX, Section 7.17.)

“Viscosity” is a standard information requirement as laid down in Annex IX, Section 7.17. of the REACH Regulation. The information on this endpoint is not available for the registered substance subject to the present decision but needs to be present in the technical dossier to meet the information requirements. Consequently there is an information gap and it is necessary to provide information for this endpoint.

The Registrant has submitted a testing proposal for that endpoint.

ECHA considers the proposed test appropriate and testing should be performed with the registered substance.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 40(3)(a) of the REACH Regulation, the Registrant is requested to carry out the proposed test using the registered substance: Viscosity of liquids (test method: OECD 114).

IV. Adequate identification of the composition of the tested material

The process of examination of testing proposals set out in Article 40 of the REACH Regulation aims at ensuring that the new studies meet real information needs. Within this context, the Registrant's dossier was sufficient to confirm the identity of the substance to the extent necessary for examination of the testing proposal.

It is important to ensure that the particular sample of substance tested in the new studies is appropriate to assess the properties of the registered substance, taking into account any variation in the composition of the technical grade of the substance as actually manufactured. If the registration of the substance covers different grades, the sample used for the new studies must be suitable to assess these.

Furthermore, there must be adequate information on substance identity for the sample tested and the grade(s) registered to enable the relevance of the studies to be assessed.

V. Information on right to appeal

An appeal may be brought against this decision to the Board of Appeal of ECHA under Article 51(8) of the REACH Regulation. Such appeal shall be lodged within three months of receiving notification of this decision. Further information on the appeal procedure can be found on the ECHA's internet page at <http://www.echa.europa.eu/regulations/appeals>. The notice of appeal will be deemed to be filed only when the appeal fee has been paid.

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¹ As this is an electronic document, it is not physically signed. This communication has been approved according to ECHA's internal decision-approval process.