

## UK



### The future of Chemical products in UK

The United Kingdom will thus become a non-EU (“third”) country as from 30 March 2019.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the UK Parliament, in their corresponding websites, provide information and advice about the impact of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union.

Click [here](#) for going to the new section in the ECHA webpages.

Click [here](#) to access the UK Parliament website.

Click [here](#) for getting the UK Environmental Audit Committee report.

Click [here](#) for getting the UK Memorandum about “*The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill*”.

Click [here](#) for getting the notice to business operators in the field of.

Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on the market and use of biocidal products.

## EUROPE – REACH

### Recent updates regarding REACH

Below table includes a summary of the main recent updates (non-exhaustive) regarding REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006:

Summary of main recent updates		
Date	Subject	Link
04 October 2017	Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the identification of dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP) as a Substance of Very High Concern according to Article 57(c) and (f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the draft publication
04 October 2017	Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the identification of benzene-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid 1,2 anhydride (trimellitic anhydride, TMA) as a Substance of Very High Concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the draft publication
09 October 2017	Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards Annexes I, III, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII to address nanoforms of substances  This draft aims to clarify registration duties and obligations for nanoforms of substances (according to definition in the Commission Recommendation 2011/696/EU) under REACH by amending its technical Annexes.	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the draft publication

10 October 2017	Publication of consolidated version of REACH Regulation	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the consolidated text
19 October 2017	The current list of SVHC intentions has been updated to include the following substances:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Terphenyl, hydrogenated (EC 262-967-7),</li> <li>- Phenanthrene ( EC 201-581-5), and</li> <li>- Pyrene (EC 204-927-3)</li> </ul>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the list of current SVHC intentions

## EUROPE – CLP

### Recent updates regarding CLP

Below table includes a summary of the main recent updates (non-exhaustive) regarding CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008:

Summary of main recent updates		
Date	Subject	Link
27 September 2017	The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) concluded on 10 opinions for harmonised classification and labelling	Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the RAC opinions
27 September 2017	On the 27th September, a CLH proposal has been submitted: pirimiphos-methyl (ISO); O-[2-(diethylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl] O,O-dimethyl phosphorothioate.	Click <a href="#">here</a> to check the Submitted CLH Proposals
17 October 2017	Harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) public consultations On the 17 <sup>th</sup> October, ECHA started a public consultation on 7 substances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2-butoxyethanol; ethylene glycol monobutyl ether</li> <li>- 5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-N-[2-(4-methylpentan-2-yl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide; penflufen</li> <li>- citral</li> <li>- dioctyltin dilaurate; [1] stannane, dioctyl-, bis(coco acyloxy) derivs. [2]</li> <li>- geraniol; (2E)-3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-ol</li> <li>- hymexazol (ISO); 3-hydroxy-5-methylisoxazole</li> <li>- mesotrione (ISO); 2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-nitrobenzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione</li> </ul>	Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the CLH public consultations
12 October 2017	The EU Commission has notified a draft regulation to the World Trade Organization (WTO) (ref. G/TBT/N/EU/521).  The aim of this draft is to adapt CLP Regulation to technical progress by amending table 3 of its Annex VI (34 new or revised CLH and removal of 1 CLH).  It also corrects the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/776 (= the 10 <sup>th</sup> ATP to CLP Regulation) on a few issues.  This draft is opened for comments until the 12th of December.  It should be adopted during the 1st quarter of 2018.	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the draft text

## EUROPE



### Roadmap regarding nanomaterials

The European Commission has published an initiative (roadmap) on revision of Commission Recommendation 2011/698/EU on the definition of nanomaterials.

Click [here](#) to access the roadmap.

## EUROPE – ROHS

### 8 Draft amendments on Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2)

On September 2017, the European Commission notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) 8 Draft Commission Delegated Directives concerning application for specific and temporary exemptions from RoHS 2 substance restrictions:

Reference	Title
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/509</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead as an alloying element in steel.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/510</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead as an alloying element in aluminium.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/511</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead as an alloying element in copper
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/512</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in high melting temperature solders.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/513</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for certain electrical and electronic components containing lead in glass or ceramic.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/514</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead as activator in the fluorescent powder of discharge lamps containing phosphors.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/515</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in solders for the soldering to machined through hole discoidal and planar array ceramic multilayer capacitors
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/516</a>	Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in cermet-based trimmer potentiometer elements.

## BELGIUM



### Microplastics replacement in consumer products

On October 2017, the European Commission received notification from Belgium about new Draft Sector Agreement to support replacement of microplastics in consumer products.

The first stage of this gradual removal of microplastics in consumer products would be to enact a total ban on microbeads in all rinse-off cosmetic products and toothpastes by 2019.

Click [here](#) for reading the Draft notification.

## SWITZERLAND

### Revision of the chemical products legislation

In October 2017, the European Commission received Notification from Switzerland regarding draft legislation on Chemical products, as below:

Reference	Title	Summary
<a href="#">2017/9510/CH</a>	Draft Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations (ChemO)	It regulates the risk assessment of chemicals and the requirements to be fulfilled for using and placing on the market of chemicals which could endanger human health or the environment. The notified Draft Ordinance introduces among other things a risk-based obligation for the manufacturer/importer to communicate: 1. chemical intermediates traded in Switzerland; 2. fibrous nanomaterials placed on the market; The obligation has to be fulfilled within 3 months after the first placing on the market.

## US

### California Proposition 65 Reformulations (September, 2017)

California Proposition 65 is the 'Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986', which has been effective for almost 30 years. Due to the implement of California Proposition 65, more and more court cases are settled to reduce the exposure to carcinogenic and toxic for reproduction chemicals by reformulating consumer products containing such chemicals.

Find below some recent settlement agreements:

Product	Chemical	Limit	Case No
Earwax removal kits	DINP, DEHP, DBP, BBP, DIDP, DNOP, DnHP	1000ppm Products exceeding the limit shall use a warning statement	Alameda County Superior Court RG17846621
Vinyl/PVC waterproof storage bags and phone cases	DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, DnHP	1000ppm Products exceeding the limit shall use a warning statement	Out of Court Settlement

## CHINA

### New requirements on the restriction of Hazardous Substances in E&E products

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In October 2017, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) of the People's Republic of China notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) two draft texts about hazardous substances in electrical appliances and electronic products. Below a summary table:

Reference	Title
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1219</a>	The Standard Achieving Management Catalogue for the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical Appliances and Electronic Products (The First Batch)
	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting of Hazardous substances list (in Chinese)
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1220</a>	Exemption List for the Restriction of Hazardous Substances of the Standard Achieving Management Catalogue
	Click <a href="#">here</a> for getting the Exemption list (in Chinese)

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