

Substances in articles: Roles in the Supply Chain Eighth Stakeholders' Day

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Registration

Assessment of article service life

-Responsibilities in the supply chain



Registration

- Chemical safety reports in registrations should cover the life-cycle steps resulting from the identified uses
 - i.e. exposure scenario and exposure assessment also cover the service-life of articles (use phase) and waste phase of articles
- Area for improvement in registrations
 - e.g is it clear which uses of articles are covered by the registration?
- ECHA is working towards further advice on how to describe and assess the service-life of articles in CSAs



Registration

The responsibility until the very end of the life-cycle of the substance is challenging for manufacturers of substances, especially when supply chains are long

Registrant needs to know the use in articles and foreseen uses of the articles (incl. waste phase) in sufficient detail to make an exposure assessment

- detailed enough communication in the supply chain needed
- responsibility of both registrant and producers of articles/DUs

Substances in articles notification





Notification of substances in articles

• Purpose of notification:

-Ensure that sufficient information is available on use of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) in articles not covered by registrations

-To support the identification of cases which may require regulatory risk management

- ECHA must consider restriction of Annex XIV substances in articles after the sunset date
 → Information on SVHCs in imported articles important to allow ECHA to understand possible needs for derogations from such restrictions
- Currently only a few notifications received (228 by 5 March 2013) →Need for improvement



Notification of substances in articles

- ECHA is trying to improve the situation by:
 - raising awareness among importers
 - providing support to notifiers
 - working with Member States to find ways to better support notifiers and encourage enforcement
- Please note the new submission option
 - new user friendly webform



Online notification webform

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Exemption from notification

- If the use is already covered by a registration
- Producers of articles: If the SVHC is registered and you comply with your downstream user obligations, you can benefit from the exemption.
- If the substance is not registered in your own supply chain: Importers of articles
 - Not enough to only check disseminated use descriptors, as this provides no certainty on whether the use of articles is covered and appropriately assessed in a registration
 - The workload to check and document whether the exemption applies may be considerably higher than to notify



Key messages

- Registrants, DUs/producers of articles and importers of articles all have responsibilities relating to substances in articles
- Registrations should also cover the service-life of articles
 - Need for improvement
- Notification of SVHCs in articles has been made easier with a webform
 - There will be further support activities to help you establish whether you need to notify
- It is in the interest of importers to notify specific applications in order to prepare for proportionate restrictions



Thank you