



WORKSHOP

APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION FOR “PROCESS CHEMICAL” USES ENSURING FIT-FOR-PURPOSE APPLICATIONS

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

SHERATON AIRPORT HOTEL - BRUSSELS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Introduction and Aims

REACH Authorisation is required for industrial, professional and consumer uses of substances listed on Annex XIV of REACH. Industrial uses of “process chemicals” (such as solvents) are often subject to a high level of control. Under these circumstances generalised principles and practical experience could be used to create standardised examples, checklists or guidance for preparing fit-for-purpose applications for authorisation (AfA) for process chemical uses.

Eurometaux and Cefic are therefore organising a workshop, in association with ECHA and BAuA to:

1. Share experiences and perspectives on what constitutes a fit-for-purpose application for authorisation for a process chemical use.
2. Discuss and identify potential follow-up activities to advance the concept of fit-for-purpose applications for authorisation.

The overall goal of a fit-for-purpose approach would be to facilitate applications for authorisation for process chemical uses that contain the fundamental (minimum) information required for opinion and decision making by ECHA and the Commission, respectively, whilst also enhancing the predictability and the overall efficiency of the authorisation process for all actors. The approaches identified could be applied to individual applicants or groups of applicants working together.

Scope

The workshop is considered to be relevant to uses of process chemicals within the manufacturing of other substances that fulfil the following criteria:

- Use in a closed system
- Recycling of the process chemical within the process
- Where a mass balance of the chemical is available
- There is no significant release of the process chemical to the environment from the use
- Workforce exposure to the process chemical is limited and clearly defined
- Data are available to show that exposure to the process chemical is well controlled

Format

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 23 September 2015 at the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel (Brussels Airport).

The workshop will comprise plenary sessions and breakout groups for particular discussion topics.

Questions related to AfA of process chemicals could be submitted in writing in advance of the workshop to mcv@cefic.be by the 7th of September. The items raised will be used as input for the introduction and the discussion in session 2.

ECHA staff will also be available after the close of the workshop to discuss any confidential matters related to application for authorisation (prior request required).

Who is this workshop intended for and registration details

This workshop is intended for users of process chemicals that are listed on Annex XIV or may be listed to Annex XIV in the future. In order to promote an interactive session, the workshop will be limited to a maximum of 50 participants. In the event that the workshop is oversubscribed the organisers reserve the right to select participants. Registrations can be sent to mcv@cefic.be by the 7th of September.

Outline Programme

- **Session 1: Setting the scene**
 - Opening and welcome
 - Work of the Application for Authorisation Task Force
 - Industry Perspectives
 - Competent Authorities and ECHA Perspectives

 - **Session 2: Breakout groups**
 - Thought starter plenary presentation (considering the questions that were received during registration)
 - CSR breakout group
 - AoA/SEA breakout group
 - Reporting of key observations and conclusions (plenary)

 - **Session 3 Discussion on next steps**
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