

REACH: Four New Substances Listed as SVHC

On 16 January 2020, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) announced four new substances will be viewed as Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) and have been added to the Candidate List under REACH regulation (EC) 1907/2006. The ECHA Candidate List now contains 205 substances.



Background

After inviting interested parties to comment on the addition of four potential new SVHCs, the Member States Committee agreed on including the four potential substances to the ECHA Candidate List. Therefore the list now contains 205 substances in total.

Once a substance is put on the Candidate List, producers, importers or suppliers may have information obligations if the article contains more than 0.1% of an SVHC. Notification of the ECHA is required as well if the total amount of the specific SVHC exceeds 1 ton/ year.

The Four New SVHCs:

Name	CAS no. (EC no.)	Reason for Inclusion	Potential Uses
Diisohexyl phthalate	71850-09-4 (276-090-2)	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57c)	Not registered under REACH. According to the Annex XV dossier, it is also used as sealant and plasticiser in polymers.
2-benzyl-2-dimethylamino-4'-morpholinobutyrophenone	119313-12-1 (404-360-3)	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57c)	The substance is used in polymer production. It also used in surface coatings and ink.
2-methyl-1-(4-methylthiophenyl)-2-morpholinopropan-1-one	71868-10-5 (400-600-6)	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57c)	The substance is used in polymer production. It also used in coatings, adhesives and inks.
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and its salts	- (-)	Equivalent level of concern having probable serious effects to the environment and human health (Article 57(f) – environment & human health)	Used as a catalyst/ additive/reactant in polymer manufacture and in chemical synthesis. It is also used as a flame retardant in polycarbonate (for electronic equipment). It is also used in metal (chromium) plating, water and stain repellent protection for leather, textiles and carpets.

Additional Information:

The Full ECHA Candidate List:

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

The ECHA announcement - Four new substances added to Candidate List:

<https://echa.europa.eu/-/four-new-substances-added-to-candidate-list>

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