

## REACH: Draft plan for first substance evaluation submitted to the Member States



**ECHA submitted on the 21st October the first draft Community rolling action plan (CoRAP) to the Member States.**

The draft plan contains **91 substances** that are proposed for review by the Member States under the substance evaluation process of the REACH Regulation. These substances are divided for evaluation during the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. ECHA publishes also a public version of the draft plan including the non-confidential substance names, CAS- and EC-numbers, and the tentative year of evaluation.

The REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 requests ECHA to submit the **first draft CoRAP** to the Member States by **1 December 2011**. The plan addresses substances which are suspected of posing risk to human health or the environment. Substance evaluation is the process under REACH that allows for clarification of such risks. Following the evaluation further information may be requested from the registrants of the substances if additional data is considered necessary to clarify the suspected risk. Alternatively, it may be concluded that the substance does not constitute a risk and no further data is needed.

The draft plan has been prepared in close cooperation with the Member States, taking into account the agreed risk based criteria for the selection of substances. The Member States have also proposed substances based on national priorities.

In many cases, the initial concerns are related to potential Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic properties, suspected endocrine disruption, or carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic properties in combination with wide dispersive or consumer use(s). In general, the uses of these substances cover various areas and are not focusing on any particular industrial, professional or consumer uses.

ECHA submitted the draft CoRAP to the Member State Competent Authorities and the ECHA Member State Committee. The Committee will prepare an opinion on the draft plan in February 2012. ECHA will then adopt the final CoRAP on the basis of the Committee's opinion. The CoRAP process does not include a public consultation but ECHA informs the stakeholders of the progress made by publishing the draft list of substances.

The aim is to adopt the **final CoRAP** by end of **February 2012** with the final CoRAP published by ECHA.

From the publication of the final CoRAP, the respective Member States have **one year to evaluate substances** specified for 2012 and, where regarded as necessary, to prepare a draft decision for requesting further information to clarify the suspected risks. These will be reviewed and agreed by the other Member States, ECHA and the Member State Committee before it becomes effective. Registrants of substances listed on the final CoRAP will be provided an opportunity to comment before any final decision to request further information will be taken.

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