



International Cadmium Association

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The “REACH Cadmium Consortium Agreement” completed

On June 21, several IZA- and ICdA-Members agreed upon the final text of the REACH Cadmium Consortium Agreement during a Steering Committee meeting held in Brussels, Belgium. The Steering Committee reviewed the progresses made by the Technical and the Legal working groups: the Technical & Scientific working group focused on defining the scope of the future Consortium and the related technical and scientific workload, the Legal & Administrative working group focused on finalizing the draft of the Agreement text and the Consortium organization.

The Steering Committee agreed on the following:

1. initial scope of the Consortium
2. final draft of the Agreement
3. initial annual budget
4. cost sharing formulae
5. entry-into-force of the Agreement on June 30, 2007.

The text of the Agreement will be reviewed by an external legal firm and, once endorsed, it will be sent to all interested parties, by July 2, 2007. All companies that produce cadmium or cadmium compounds in Europe or import these substances into Europe will be invited to join the Cadmium Consortium in order to provide guidance for the Consortium activities.

The first General Assembly of all Members having signed the Agreement will be held on September 4, 2007 in Brussels, Belgium.

1. The Consortium is divided into two sub-groups of substances that form the initial scope of the Cadmium Consortium. Members can choose to participate in one or both sub-groups. Participation in a specific sub-group implies the right to use the corresponding files prepared for REACH registration and the obligation to share the Consortium costs on a formula basis, specific to that sub-group of substances. Substances will be added or deleted from a sub-group by decision of the General Assembly.

The initial sub-groups of the Consortium include:

		<u>CAS n°</u>	<u>EINECS n°</u>
Cadmium metal:	Cadmium	7440-43-9	231-152-8
	Cadmium alloys for plating, batteries, ...		
Cadmium compounds:	Cadmium oxide	1306-19-0	215-146-2
	Cd(OH) ₂	21041-95-2	244-168-5
	Cadmium nitrate	10325-94-7	233-710-6
	Cd Carbonate	93820-02-1	298-586-8
> as candidate compounds	Cadmium sulphide	1306-23-6	213-147-8
	Cd-sulfo-selenide	58339-34-7	261-218-1
	Cd-Zn-sulphide	8048-07-5	232-466-8

The presentation to the Steering Committee of June 21 and the Executive Summary of the Consortium agreement are available on the ICdA-Members'website www.icdamembers.org / ICdA Member Login / Regulatory affairs / Europe / REACH

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Summary

The REACH process is one of the most significant legislative initiatives for companies producing or selling cadmium and cadmium compounds in Europe. IZA-Europe and ICdA are taking the lead role in making this process as smooth as possible.

Timeline

July 2: Consortium Agreement is ready for signature

September 4: REACH Cadmium Consortium : first General Assembly

From July on: Preparation of the technical dossiers for registration and pre-registration

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