

**Communication on EU REACH: Cadmium and Cd compounds are NOT on the draft 11th recommendation list for authorisation**

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Dear members of the ICdA,

We had informed you that the Draft 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation list of Substances Subject to Authorisation (Annex XIV) would be discussed in December 2021 at the Member State Committee (MSC-76), and based on ECHA's priority scoring table, had carefully anticipated that cadmium (and Cd compounds) would not be on the 11<sup>th</sup> priority list.

ECHA has published earlier this week its summary minutes of the last Member State Committee (MSC-76) including the **ECHA proposal for the 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation for priority substances for Authorisation**. ([https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2200440/minutes\\_msc-76\\_en.pdf/2dade9fe-fe5a-68f3-764e-bee6ab9c7195?t=1639746667638](https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2200440/minutes_msc-76_en.pdf/2dade9fe-fe5a-68f3-764e-bee6ab9c7195?t=1639746667638))

An abstract of those minutes is given below confirming formally that Cadmium or Cd compounds are not on the draft 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation.

*“SECR presented ECHA’s response to comments received from **MSC on the 11<sup>th</sup> prioritisation assessment, as well as the draft 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation**. The recommendation had been prepared on the basis of the updated prioritisation results. All the substances included on the Candidate List by July 2021 which have not yet been recommended for inclusion to Annex XIV have been considered for the prioritisation exercise. **The eight substances included to the draft 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation [Ethylenediamine; 2-(4- tert-butylbenzyl) propionaldehyde; Lead; Glutaral; 2-methyl-1-(4-methylthiophenyl)-2- morpholinopropan-1-one; 2-benzyl-2-dimethylamino-4'-morpholinobutyrophenone; Diisohexyl phthalate and Orthoboric acid, sodium salt]** are substances having high priority based on their intrinsic properties, volume and uses or substances included based on grouping considerations with other substances already recommended or proposed to be recommended. SECR explained that other ongoing risk management activities (restrictions, upcoming POPs identification) were the main reasons for not including few of the high priority substances to the current draft recommendation. MSC was invited to provide feedback on the draft recommendation and on the draft entries for the eight substances. **A three month consultation on ECHA’s website is planned to be launched early February 2022.**”*

There is at least another 18 months before a new recommendation list will be released. We will keep you informed on the likelihood that cadmium or cadmium compounds will be included in that next list. Important to note is the following quote:

*“SECR explained that other ongoing risk management activities (restrictions, upcoming POPs identification) were the main reasons for not including few of the high priority substances to the current draft recommendation.”*

This keeps us hopeful that, even when we approach the top of the scoring list, we can still escape from being recommended for authorization.