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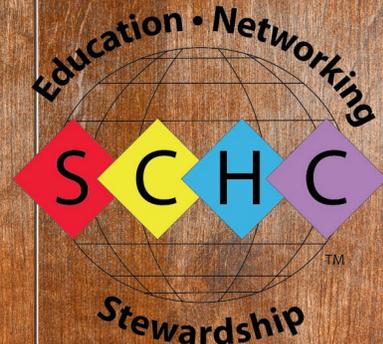


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MEETINGS

Public Meeting Held on Collecting Chemical Use Information

On February 14th, the EPA held a public meeting to receive public input and information on uses and conditions of use for the initial ten chemicals to be evaluated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. Information on uses and the conditions of use will assist EPA in identifying potential exposure scenarios for the ten chemicals.

In preparation for the public meeting, EPA made available the preliminary summaries of information collected thus far on the manufacturing (including importing), processing, distribution in commerce, use, and disposal of the initial ten chemicals subject to risk evaluation under TSCA.

These documents contain publicly available information submitted to EPA, including Chemical Data Reporting and Toxics Release Inventory information, as well as information provided by a range of stakeholders the Agency consulted with, including other government agencies, states, NGOs, manufacturers, users, and from the published literature.

The information summaries are available on [EPA's Website](#) and in the public dockets for each chemical.

Read more about managing Chemicals under TSCA [Here](#).

Un-Sub Committee of Experts on the GHS: December 2016 Meeting Report

The Sub-committee met from December 7-9, 2016. Links to the report, and working and informal papers are provided below. There were a number of topics discussed that you may find of interest. They are:

- Summary of amendments adopted during the 2015-2016 biennium
- Program of work for the 2017-2018 biennium, including Continued Discussions on the Manual of Tests and Criteria and GHS Explosives Chapter 2.1 [Explosives]
 - Practical Classification Issues





MEETINGS

UN Sub-committee of Experts on the GHS: December 2016 Meeting Report (Cont.)

- Nanomaterials
- Chemicals under Pressure [new]
- Non-animal Testing
- Labelling of Small Packages
- Global Classification List
- Dust Explosion Hazards
- Annexes 1 to 3
- Adopted the proposed changes to the flammable gases hazard category Changes to Annex 4 to address issues identified by International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM)

Working Group Meetings and Discussions included:

- Continued Discussions on the Manual of Tests and Criteria and GHS Explosives Chapter 2.1 [Explosives]
- Practical Classification Issues
- Labelling of Small Packages
- Global Classification List
- Dust Explosion Hazards
- Annexes 1 to 3

[December 2016 Meeting Report](#)

[Working papers for 32nd Session](#)

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Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Webinar Update

U.S. OSHA and Health Canada proposed to hold a Webinar on March 1, 2017. However, with the recent change in U.S. Administration, U.S. OSHA is in a state of transition. The Webinar is being postponed until the new leadership is installed and briefed.

WEBINAR

Free Webinar OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative Bulletin

We wanted you to be aware of a free webinar on February 28th, (3-4 pm EST) sponsored by the American Staffing Association, a National Alliance partner, on "Communicating With Workers About Hazardous Materials." The webinar covers OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative (TWI) Bulletin No. 5: Hazard Communication and the roles and responsibilities of staffing firms and host employers in ensuring that temporary workers receive proper training on the use hazardous materials in the workplace. To attend this webinar, [**Register Here**](#). The registration URL becomes the webinar lobby page 15 minutes before the start of the live webinar and the audio will be streamed through the computer with no dial-in number.





MISC.

Washington State Restricts Flame Retardants in Upholstered Furniture and Children's Products

Effective July 1 2017, the State of Washington will begin restricting the following 5 substances to a limit of 1000ppm each: tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl)phosphate ("TDCPP"), tris(2-chloroethyl)phosphate ("TCEP"), Decabromodiphenyl ether ("DecaBDE"), hexabromo-cyclododecane ("HBCD"), and tetrabromobisphenol A ("TBBPA").

Source: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.240.025>

Flame Retardant Substance Added to REACH

Flame Retardant substance bis(pentabromophenyl) ether (Deca-BDE) (CAS#1163-19-5) is added to REACH Annex XVII

Source: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32017R0227>

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