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EPA

US EPA to Expand Safer Chemical Ingredient List

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to add 100 chemicals per year to its Safer Chemical Ingredients List (SCIL) a list of substances allowed in products that seek its Safer Choice eco-label within the Safer Choice Program. Launched in 2012, the list now has about 725 chemicals and is updated several times a year. It is organized by product type, or “functional use classes”, such as surfactants, solvents, polymers and antimicrobial actives.

“The goal of adding 100 chemicals per year to the list is our base for the next few years”, said Emma Lavoie, a toxicologist for the program, said during the Safer Choice Summit in Arlington, Virginia. “[But the agency] is also talking about potentially reviewing about 300 chemicals per year,” she added, while hoping to increase the number of “functional use classes” from the current 14.

According to a recent report in Chemical Watch, Aly Lorenz, a lead product reviewer for the Safer Choice Program, explained that the label’s new data system will be able to incorporate toxicological information in the future, and that third-party profilers can submit products into the system for EPA review now.

The standard and criteria for the SCIL address a broad range of potential toxicological effects, including sensitizers, asthmagens, substances that are persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBTs) and those on “authoritative lists of chemicals of concern.”

EPA Pesticide Program Update-Final Rule Will Clarify and Improve the Transparency of Ingredients in Minimum Risk Pesticide Products

The Environmental Protection Agency has published a rule to clarify the substances on the minimum risk pesticide ingredient list and the way ingredients are identified on product labels. Minimum risk pesticides are a special class of pesticides that are not required to be registered with EPA because their ingredients, both active and inert, pose little to no risk to human health or the pesticide product labels.

EPA

EPA Pesticide Program Update (Cont.)

EPA's revisions to the exemption, announced in a December 28, 2015, Federal Register notice, do not alter the substance of the minimum risk pesticide ingredient lists, but more accurately describe which chemical substances can be used in pesticide products that are exempt from federal pesticide registration requirements. State enforcement agencies have expressed support for the changes.

EPA believes the industry – manufacturers of these products and businesses considering entering the market for minimum risk pesticides – will benefit from clearer guidance. Consumers will benefit from the clearer information on which chemicals the products contain.

Miscellaneous

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US Healthcare Provider Bans 15 Antimicrobials

As recently reported by Chemical Watch's BiocidesHub, Kaiser Permanente, one of the largest healthcare providers in the US, has prohibited the use of 15 antimicrobials in fabric, furniture and finishes in its building projects. The company said it consulted with infectious disease experts before notifying furniture and fabric suppliers it would no longer buy products containing the antimicrobials.

This decision is in line with the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention's 2003 finding that proper cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces will kill pathogens effectively and prevent the risk of spreading hospital-associated infections.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Biomonitoring California Updated List of Priority Chemicals

The California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program has updated the list of priority chemicals - one of 23 authoritative lists which constitute the SCP Candidate Chemicals List. The list can be viewed and downloaded online from [Biomonitoring California's website](#).

These chemicals are now Candidate Chemicals for consideration under the SCP regulations.

Notice of Adoption New Section 25205, Proposition 65 Lead Agency Website

On January 19, 2016, the Office of Administrative Law approved the adoption of Section 25205, Lead Agency Website to Title 27, Article 2, of the California Code of Regulations. The regulation will be effective on April 1, 2016. This regulation establishes a framework for a website operated by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment that will provide supplemental information to the public about warnings they receive for exposures to Proposition 65 listed chemicals.

Miscellaneous

Notice of Adoption New Section 25205, Proposition 65 Lead Agency Website (Cont.)

Mexico GHS Adoption

This regulation is separate from but related to the pending rulemaking to repeal and adopt a new Article 6 of the [California Code of Regulations](#) on clear and reasonable warnings. Note that the [Lead Agency Website](#) described in this regulation is not currently operational.

Mexico GHS Adoption

On 9 October 2015, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare published Mexican Official Standard NOM-018-STPS-2015 “Harmonized System for the Identification and Communication of Hazards and Risks of Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace” (Sistema armonizado para la identificación y comunicación de peligros y riesgos por sustancias químicas peligrosas en los centros de trabajo). This standard implements the 5th revised edition of the GHS in Mexico for the workplace.

The standard establishes a transitional period for implementation of three years following its publication in the Mexican Official Gazette (Diario Oficial de la Federación (DOF)). During the transitional period, employers have the choice to comply with the previous standard NOM-018-STPS-2000 (System for the Identification and Communication of Hazards and Risks of Hazardous Chemical Substances in the Workplace), or with the new one (NOM-018-STPS-2015). With the entry into force of the new standard in October 2018, standard NOM-018-STPS-2000 (published on 27 October 2000) and amendments thereto (of 2 January 2001 and 6 September 2013) will be repealed.

[NORMA Oficial Mexicana NOM-018-STPS-2015](#)

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Seminars

Taiwan chemicals regulatory landscape- free webinar and pre-Summit workshop session

Expand on these insights at the Global Business Summit Workshop

Delegates at the *Global Business Summit* can benefit from further in-depth insights into Taiwan’s chemicals legislation when they register for the pre-Summit Workshop, *Update on Chemical Regulations in Asia*, which includes a session dedicated to Taiwan.

Kimmy Wu (Operations Manager, Jointek Technology Corp., ROC), will present a workshop session on *What to expect from the latest update of Taiwan OSHA and TCSC*. Delegates will benefit from Kimmy’s insights into:

The framework of Taiwan chemical management

- Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA)
- Taiwan Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)

The system of chemical substance registration under TCSCA and OSHA

- General scopes
- The Status Quo
- Qualification for registrant
- General scopes

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International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO)

Registration for Aerosol Propellant Safety Seminar

- The single registration window
- Border Control Measure (in planning)
- New Substance Registration (NSR)
- Determination of NSR Type
- SRD and PPORD
- Information Required for Registration
- Updated and Harmonized TCSI in 2015
- Phase 1 registration for ECN
- EPA registration platform phase 1

This one-day workshop takes place on **22 February 2016**, costs just €545, and also includes updates from China, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia, and a round-up of developments in the rest of ASEAN (Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Myanmar).

[Click Here for the Full Program](#)

International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO)

Registration is now open for the International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO) Feb 29-March 3 in Washington, DC.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Registration for Aerosol Propellant Safety Seminar

As safety becomes even more of an issue in the aerosol industry, CSPA and the Southern Aerosol Technical Association (SATA) will host a new Aerosol Propellants Safety (APS) Seminar in Atlanta, GA this March 16th, 2016. Industry professionals from Lab Managers, to Designers to Consultants will join industry experts and thought leaders—from Diversified CPC, Aerofil, Sherwin Williams and GRR Aerosols among others—to discuss a range of issues regarding the latest safety systems that are used in the storage and handling of aerosol propellants. Gain valuable insight, skills, advice and guidance at the day-long APS Seminar, registration is now open.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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