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Information regarding inclusion of Bisphenol S (BPS) in the REACH SVHC Candidate List

Dear Sirs

In January Bisphenol S has been included to the Candidate list of REACH SVHC substances.

Bisphenol S can be an unintended impurity in synthetic tannin agents ("syntan"). BPS is now classified as Reprotoxic 1B, 360 FD.

The candidate status of an SVHC substance is designed to give the authorities time and input to decide if further measures are necessary. It is NOT a ban of the substance for use in manufacture or presence in articles.

Inclusion of a substance in the SVHC Candidate list brings a number of obligations in Europe:

- ⇒ **All suppliers of synthetic tannin agents must communicate the presence of Bisphenol S in the Safety Data Sheet if the concentration is 0,1 % or higher (1000 mg/kg).**

TFL already provides this information for synthetic tannin agents exceeding 0,1 % in chapter 3 of the Safety Data Sheet. We are about to add an additional information phrase to the Safety Data Sheet to make it easier for the users of our products to identify the presence of Bisphenol S.

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- ⇒ **Importers / Manufacturers of leather or leather goods, must actively notify ECHA if they bring articles to the market in which the concentration of 0,1 % is exceeded AND the total volume of Bisphenol S per article and year exceeds 1 t/a**

For a typical leather with an area weight of 1 kg/m² and a content of 1000 mg/kg the threshold of 1t/a would be exceeded at 1 million square meters.

- ⇒ **Upon written requests distributors of articles must inform end consumers if their articles do contain any SVHC substances.**

Disclosure threshold is 0,1 % and answer must be given within 45 days

Some international brands and non EU countries e. g. Switzerland link requirements to the European SVHC candidate status list. We recommend you inform yourself if any requirements arise for you based on your companies location and/or business relations.

For more information please refer to ECHA: Summary of obligations resulting from inclusion of SVHCS in the Candidate List - ECHA (europa.eu)

The SVHC candidate listing of Bisphenol S and the obligations related to it are an independent process from the proposal for a restriction of Bisphenol A and BoSC that is currently under discussion with thresholds at 500 mg/kg in 2025 and 10 mg/kg in 2030.

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