

# PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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Welcome to the third issue of *PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF*. We hope this quarterly newsletter brings you an added value and demonstrates ECPI's dedication to providing clear and concise information about the many applications of plasticisers and their safe use.

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The ECPI team wishes all its readers a very successful new year!

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## PLASTICISERS & PHTHALATES

### Plasticisers industry exchanged views on how to effectively communicate science information to all stakeholders



Over 80 international experts gathered on 4th and 5th December in Brussels at the annual "[Plasticisers Conference 2012](#)" organised by Crain Communications and European Plastics News in association with European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI). [>>Press release](#)

### France restricts DEHP in medical tubing for paediatric, neonatal and maternity wards

Both houses of the French Parliament, Senate and Assemblée Nationale, have voted in favour of the [bill](#) restricting the use of low phthalate, di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate DEHP, in medical tubing used in paediatric, neonatal and maternity wards. In addition, it stipulates that the Government should present to the Parliament a report on endocrine disruptors within one year from the enactment of this bill.

The new law will come into effect on July 2015. [>> Read the 'Proposition de Loi' \(in French only\)](#)

### Chemical levels found by European biomonitoring study "not a matter of high concern"



The results of the twin projects COPHES and DEMOCOPHES, which have looked at the harmonisation of human biomonitoring in Europe, were presented in October in Cyprus. The study, which involved almost 4,000 mothers and children from 17 member states, measured mercury levels in hair and concentrations of cadmium, phthalates and cotinine in urine as well as bisphenol A (BPA) in some selected countries. A statement from the Cyprus Presidency commented that based on the current health guidance values used in these projects, the levels found are generally not a matter of high concern." [>>Cyprus Presidency statement](#)

## Plasticisers and Phthalates: An Interview with Maggie Saykali

Maggie Saykali, ECPI Sector Group Manager, talks to AZoM.com about plasticisers and phthalates, their differences, uses and applications, benefits, concerns, etc " Interview by Gary Thomas. [>>AZoM interview](#)

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## Soft PVC in construction, the story of a versatile material (FR)



French online portal, Batiweb, has recently reported on flexible PVC as one of safest and most used materials in modern construction thanks to its energy efficiency and durability properties. [>>Batiweb article \(in French only\)](#)

## EVENTS

### PVC Formulation 2013

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ECPI will speak at the next PVC Formulation conference which will take place in Düsseldorf (Germany) 12-14 March. [>>Event website](#)

## PRESS REVIEW

### *The Parliament Magazine* ECR member Julie Girling calls for 'legal clarity' on EU chemicals legislation

Speaking at the Plasticisers Conference, the Member of the European Parliament, Julie Girling called for more "consistency" between different legislative proposals regulating plasticisers.

[>>Read the article](#)

### *European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)* EU advisor asks scientist to "speak up, stand up and gang up"

Food safety experts gathered in Parma on 7-8 November. In her opening presentation Anne Glover, Chief Scientific advisor for the European Commission, called upon scientists to "raise our voice when science is misused". [>>Presentations](#)

## WHAT'S NEW ONLINE?

### Plasticisers Conference 2012: Video summary and interviews

Visit ECPI's [YouTube channel](#) to watch the Plasticisers Conference highlights including interviews with some of the speakers: D. Ortiz (Solvay), R. Mottram (Ineos Chlorvinyls), J. Girling (MEP), B. Dero (ECVM/VinylPlus) and M. Saykali (ECPI). Pictures of the event are also available online.

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