

PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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PLASTICISERS.ORG ONLINE MAKEOVER



www.plasticisers.org has been completely revamped from head to toe with a new look, revised content and new functionalities trying to bring all plasticisers and their flexible PVC applications to the forefront.

We hope you like the new site and please do not hesitate to contact us in case you encounter any issues or if you would like to provide suggestion on how to improve it. Standby for content additions, translations and new materials. [>>>Visit the website](#)

PLASTICISERS WORLD



Emerald Performance Materials joins ECPI

Emerald Kalama has joined the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI) which now has a total of seven members covering a larger than ever number of substances and countries. Emerald Kalama is a company focused on toluene oxidation chemistry with facilities in the US and the Netherlands. They produce dibenzonates plasticisers as well as many other preservatives, antimicrobials, flavor and fragrance intermediates, modifiers, coalescents and synthesis intermediates. [>>>Learn more](#)

ECHA conclusion to list DEHP as an Endocrine Disruptor for the environment not based on science

It is with deep concern that ECPI notes the ECHA Member State Committee has concluded that DEHP is an endocrine disruptor of equivalent level of concern for its environmental properties. The science on DEHP does not support such a conclusion. Moreover, DEHP does not bio accumulate and it cannot pose a hazard to higher mammals in the environment. ECPI believes that the decision has been political rather than science-based. There is no certainty on the next steps but a second listing of DEHP on the REACH Candidate list with the potential for a second Authorisation process cannot be ruled out. [>>>Read more](#)

No scientific basis for conclusions on DINP and reproductive health

The European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI) is committed to the safety and sustainability of plasticisers. Human health is of paramount importance for European plasticisers producers. For this reason, ECPI experts wish to address the misconceptions related to the conclusions of a study presented in the recent publication by Bornehag (2014)[i] on pre-natal phthalate exposure and anogenital distance in Swedish boys and broadly alarmingly reported by several European media. [>>Read more](#)

No scientific basis for concluding that exposure to phthalates leads to reduced sexual interest in women

Scientific experts from ECPI have reviewed the published abstract from Dr. Emily Barrett, of the University of Rochester School of Medicine in New York State, claiming that that “environmental phthalate exposure is associated with low interest in sexual activity in premenopausal women”. Just by looking at the chosen methodology, there is a striking inconsistency between the title of the study, referring to premenopausal women, and the abstract, which refers to women who became pregnant (“prior to conception”). [>>Read more](#)

EVENTS

Plasticisers Conference 2014



Representatives from the entire flexible PVC value chain met in Brussels in December to discuss the latest developments in the sector. Participants agreed on the need for improved coordination amongst EU and national regulators to guarantee a competitive and cost effective level playing field. [>>Read more](#)

RoadshowPlus in Prague



In November, ECPI held a flexible PVC and plasticisers workshop – “RoadshowPlus”, financed with support from VinylPlus - with representatives from Czech regulatory bodies and leading manufacturing companies. They discussed the role and contribution of the plasticisers industry to the EU economy as well as policy and regulatory developments both at European and national level. [>>Read more](#)

PRESS REVIEW

Facciamo il punto su PVC e ftalati – Let’s look at PVC and phthalates

The President of the PVC Forum Italia, Carlo Ciotti, provides Polimerica with an in-depth overview of flexible PVC and phthalates. [>>Full article](#) (in Italian) [>>Google translation](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



Plasticisers Conference 2014 – Watch the summary

Summary of last year's Plasticisers Conference including interviews with S. Content, ECPI Manager, as well as technical and regulatory experts from CEFIC, VinyLoop, ChemSec, Maastrich University and Hewlett-Packard.

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