

PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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Welcome to the second 2013 edition of the PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF.

ECPI is happy to announce that the preparations for the Plasticisers 2013 Conference have started. It will take place in Brussels on 3 and 4 December. We will keep you posted about the programme and speakers.

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PLASTICISERS AND PHTHALATES

ECPI's statement following RAC's opinion on DINP and DIDP restrictions in toys

On 5-8 March, the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) adopted an Opinion on the ECHA Draft Report on the re-evaluation of the restrictions on DINP and DIDP in toys and childcare articles which can be placed in the mouth. While RAC "concluded that a risk from mouthing of toys and childcare articles with DINP and DIDP could not be excluded if the existing restrictions on these articles were lifted", it "did not identify further uses that would cause a risk". [>> Read More](#)

ICCA Comments on WHO/UNEP Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals Report

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), of which Cefic is a member, issued a statement in response to the report published on 20 February by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) regarding the health effects of human exposure to certain chemicals. Cefic's Director General Hubert Mandery, who serves as Council Secretary of ICCA, commented: "The report fails to meet the standards expected for sound scientific work." [>> Read More](#)

EVENTS

Plasticisers Conference 2013

Preparations for the 2013 edition of the Plasticisers Conference have begun. It will take place at Le Méridien Hotel in Brussels, Belgium on 3 and 4 December. This event, which has become an important opportunity for key industry players to meet and to discuss the future of plasticisers in Europe, is organised jointly by ECPI and European Plastics News. The preliminary programme will be published shortly on the [conference web site](#).



PVC Formulation 2013

ECPI's chairman, Dr. Norbert Scholz, presented the recent developments and trends in the plasticisers industry at the [5th PVC Formulation Conference](#). Approximately 300 experts gathered in Dusseldorf between 12 and 14 March to discuss PVC compounding recipes, legislation, business needs and market trends. The conference was organised by Applied Marketing Information Ltd. (AMI).

PRESS REVIEW

New Statesman: Politicians must not elevate mere opinion over science

Brian Cox and Robin Ince explore the 'revival' of science, rational thinking and evidence-based policy-making arguing that it is not acceptable to see science as just one among many acceptable "views". [>>Read the article](#)

Post Tribune: First, the bad news

"We in the media rarely lie to you. But that leaves plenty of room to take things wildly out of context". John Stossel talks about scare stories in the media but concludes that "despite all the chemicals — actually, because of them — we live longer than ever." [>>Read the article](#)

The New York Times: That Daily Shower Can Be a Killer

In this article, Jared Diamond looks at the perception of risk versus hazard and our attitude towards everyday 'dangers' in a humoristic and critical way. [>>Read the article](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

German website

www.plasticisers.org is now completely available in German and so is the microsite on [Common Misconceptions](#) – also available in French. You can select your language on the top right corner of the website. [>>Access German website](#)

Updated content

Recently, all the existing factsheets and a number of pages on www.plasticisers.org have been updated with new information and market figures including the chart showing the European market shift towards High Molecular Weight phthalates. [>>See chart](#)

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