



PLASTICISERS WORLD

No further regulatory risk management action needed for DEHP and DINCH, ANSES confirms

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) issued its final conclusion on the evaluation of DEHP (DOTP) and DINCH. In both cases, “no need to initiate further regulatory risk management action” is foreseen. [>>Read more](#)

Science does not support association between phthalates exposure and obesity

Early this year, media reported about a study conducted by the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research in Germany claiming that some phthalate plasticisers can affect human hormones with a potential increase of the body weight. ECPI emphasises that “there is no evidence that exposure to phthalates contributes to obesity.” While many studies report associations on a wide range of topics, including obesity, this does not mean causation. [>>Read more](#)

Plasticisers industry comes a step closer to a bright, united future

Under the title “United in Diversity”, representatives from major European plasticiser producers came together to build the basis for a stronger, united plasticisers industry and define crucial principles of collaboration. Organised by ECPI, this was followed up to a workshop held in September 2015. [>>Read more](#)

EVENTS

ECPI at PVC Formulation 2016



This week, over 260 people including industry representatives and renowned academics gathered to exchange on the latest R&D updates, innovations and opportunities in the vinyl landscape on the occasion of the PVC Formulation Conference in Cologne.



ECPI's manager presentation focused on the need to find the right balance between science and politics. [>>Read more](#)

Vinyl Sustainability Forum: 28 April in Vienna



As the number of people living and working in urban areas continues to rise globally, VinylPlus will take a look at the opportunities for PVC to contribute to enhancing city life through essential, safe and sustainable applications. Under the title, “Smart Vinyl For Our Cities”, speakers from EU Institutions, UNIDO, UNEP, NGOs, academia, and industry will gather in Vienna to discuss how PVC can contribute to guarantee a sustainable future for urban dwellers. [>>Read more](#)

PRESS REVIEW

The cost of ED's: Yet another inconclusive study making headlines

Recently, we have seen yet another study claiming that endocrine-disrupting chemicals may contribute to reproductive health problems experienced by hundreds of thousands of women, costing the European Union an estimated €1.4 billion. However, the American Council on Science and Health claims “this paper is “garbage” and “it contains more speculation than whether Jon Snow will return to season six of Game of Thrones.” [>>Read more](#)

Balance between chemical and recycling goals needs improvement – study

The Dutch environment and public health agency has called for “room for manoeuvre” in EU chemicals policy to ensure the full benefits of recycling are realised. The agency examined recycling of PVC containing lead, cadmium and DEHP. [>>Read More](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



New Brochure: Focus on Plasticisers and Flexible PVC

Have you already seen ECPI's brand new brochure about the uses of all plasticisers? It provides a brief overview of some of the main PVC and non-PVC applications for plasticisers in everyday life as well as the most recent European and global market estimates. Do not miss the handy table showing plasticisers regulatory status at a glance. [>>New brochure](#)



Plasticisers factsheets updated

Did you know that our super-handy factsheet is available in 10 different languages on www.plasticisers.org? Not only that, we have recently updated the content with a revised table for all plasticisers and recent market estimates. Hope you find them useful and please do share them with colleagues. [>>Factsheets](#)



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