

PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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ECPI WELCOMES LANXESS



We are pleased to announce that as of September 2016 LANXESS is a full member of the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates. Our 6 members cover a large variety of substances representing around 80% of the European plasticisers being produced in Europe.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.9 billion in 2015 and about 16,600 employees in 29 countries. The company is currently represented at 52 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, specialty chemicals and plastics.

Expanding ECPI's membership is a clear step towards a united European plasticisers industry speaking with one voice. [>>Learn more about LANXESS](#)

EVENTS

Media Field Trip 2016



29-30 June 2016, Germany – Hosted by the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI), ten journalists working for trade publications in five different European countries had the opportunity to discover more about the lifecycle and sustainability of flexible PVC. In this 2-day trip, participants visited a converting and a recycling plant – Mehler Technologies and AgPR (Arbeitsgemeinschaft PVC-Bodenbelag Recycling).

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VinylPlus commemorates its 15th anniversary exploring how PVC makes our cities more sustainable

“Smart Vinyl for our Cities” was the theme chosen for this year’s Vinyl Sustainability Forum. More than 130 representatives from industry, academia, governments, UN, European Commission as well as specifiers, designers and architects gathered in Vienna to look at the contribution PVC makes to the sustainability of our cities. [>>Read more](#)



Interested in learning more about the role of ECPI within VinylPlus and the safe and sustainable use of plasticisers? did you miss this year's Vinyl Sustainability Forum? [>>Watch Michela Mastrantonio's interview at VSF16](#)

PVC 2017: The World's Leading Forum on Vinyl



ECPI will participate with a booth and as a speaker at PVC 2017, the world's largest conference exclusively dedicated to PVC, which will take place in Brighton between 25 and 27 April 2017. [>>Read more](#)

PLASTICISERS WORLD

DEHP Authorisation: Industry calls for regulatory predictability

ECPI is pleased to learn that the REACH Committee has confirmed the Authorisation for the recycling of flexible PVC made with DEHP, based on the recommendations of the ECHA Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

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No causal link found in study linking phthalates to fast-food

ECPI would like to reassure consumers of the safety of all phthalates used in current applications in response to a report published in Environmental Health Perspectives. The study published showed very low exposure and moreover, the researchers tested individuals' dietary recall of foods ingested within a 24 hour period without previously measuring their actual levels of phthalates or confirming their presence in any of the ingested foods. [>>Read more](#)

Potential Restrictions: Legislative clarity and consistency needed

ECPI is concerned about ECHA's and the Danish EPA's proposal for broad restrictions on DEHP, BBP, DIBP and DBP in articles for which RAC has already concluded twice in the last four years (in 2012 and 2014) that there is no risk to the general population. The case of DEHP represents an important precedent for many chemicals which are undergoing the REACH Authorisation and Restriction processes. A scientific approach is essential to give a strong signal of legislative clarity and consistency. The public consultation is open until 15 December 2016. [>>](#)

[Public Consultation](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



Interactive web: A virtual tour to discover PVC applications

ECPI brings PVC applications to life through this interactive website fully responsive on mobile devices. It showcases common and surprising PVC uses paying special attention to all the benefits it brings to our cities and everyday

lives both in terms of comfort and sustainability. Have fun exploring! [>>>Explore](#)



Video animation: What are plasticisers?

An informative and engaging video looks at the truth behind the jungle of names and acronyms we often talk about when referring to plasticisers. What are they? Where are they used? [>>>Watch and share](#)

PRESS REVIEW

Wiring the World



ECPI has published a number of articles on cable and wire across several European publications including Electrical Contracting News. The article argues that, despite the intense scrutiny flexible PVC is under, it is still considered to be the safest and most suitable material for many electrical applications. [>>>Read](#)

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Why Brexit Freaks Out So Many Scientists



The United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union could disrupt research as well as commitments to fighting climate change. National Geographic takes a look at a potential brain drain of researchers. [>>>Read more](#)

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