

PLASTICISERS AND FLEXIBLE PVC NEWS BRIEF

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No danger or risk is identified for DINCH, ANSES Concludes
The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety – ANSES - has recently concluded a toxicological evaluation of DINCH (1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, diisononyl ester, CAS No. 166412-78-8) in the context of the national strategy on endocrine disrupting chemicals (SNPE) and under the REACH PACT- RMOA (Public Activities Communication Tool - Risk Management Options Analysis). According to ANSES, DINCH does not require any specific risk management measures. [>>Read more](#)

ANSES also concludes that no risk management measures are needed for DEHTP
ANSES has confirmed that, based on the available data, diethylhexyl-terephthalate (CAS number 6422-86-2) - commonly known as DEHTP or DOTP - presents no hazard or risk for health and the environment. [>>Read more](#)

ECPI questions scientific basis of Danish intention to harmonise classification and labelling of DINP

In late February, Denmark communicated to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) its intention to submit a dossier for the harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) of DINP as toxic to reproduction - Category 1B (Development) and Category 2 (Fertility). ECPI was surprised to see the notification shortly after the finalisation in 2014 of a 4 year re-evaluation of DINP confirming that “no further risks identified”. [>>Read more](#)



Life Cycle Assessment of DINP published
Denkstatt GmbH has just concluded a critical review of the LCA study commissioned by ECPI to PE International with the goal to setup a PlasticsEurope Eco-profile and Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) of DINP. The study complies with the necessary requirements and EPD methodology as well as the ISO 14025. The results in the eco-profile and EPD are regarded as being up-to-date high quality environmental data of European DINP production. [>>Read more](#)

Epidemiology project with the University of Maastricht

ECPI has initiated a project that intends to investigate whether the studies linking phthalates to a number of health issues do meet the basic quality requirements as outlined in the STROBE criteria for epidemiological studies. The project is managed by two researchers from Maastricht University: Dr. Gerard Swaen, senior epidemiologist and Prof. Dr. Maurice Zeegers, senior epidemiologist and Department Head, Complex Genetics. The study protocol has been reviewed before publication by an independent scientific advisory board. [>>Read more](#)

EVENTS



ECPI at the Vinyl Sustainability Forum 2015

ECPI attended the Vinyl Sustainability Forum together with over a hundred participants from all over the world who gathered in Cannes to discuss the theme “More Vinyl, Less Carbon”. ECPI’s manager, S. Content explained that “Innovation is crucial to address climate change, but R&D is time and cost intensive, requiring regulatory predictability, which should certainly be improved by governments all around the globe”. [>>>Read more](#)



ECPI at PVC Formulations 2015

In March, Stéphane Content presented an update on plasticisers and flexible PVC at the AMI PVC Formulation 2015 conference in Cologne. This global conference on the PVC industry, compounding, recipes and market trends provided a place to catch up with many industry representatives and learn about some of the latest innovations in the field.

PRESS REVIEW

Plasticizers – Benefits, Trends, Health, and Environmental Issues



Interview with Dr. Stéphane Content, Sector Group Manager of the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates (ECPI) [>>>Full article](#)

Why Do Many Reasonable People Doubt Science?

Joel Achenbach, a journalist covering politics and science for the Washington Post and National Geographic, describes the numerous reasons why people very often tend to challenge and dismiss scientific facts and studies in favour of their pre-existing beliefs. [>>>Full article](#)

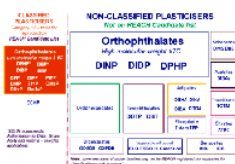
Is slack science reporting letting down the public?

In the UK, the Guardian reported about the challenges of informed science coverage for both sides- the media and the science and research community. [>>>Full article](#)

Using poor science and stale data to support flawed policy

In the US, Nancy Nord, a former commissioner (2005-13) and acting chairman (2006-09) of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) looked at phthalates in toys as a an example of how the CPSC is “increasingly assuming regulatory authority over matters that it is ill-equipped to manage and which prevent the agency from concentrating on actual product hazards”. [>>>Full article](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE



Plasticisers factsheet available in 10 languages

ECPI latest factsheet on plasticisers and flexible PVC has been translated into Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Swedish. It provides information on plasticisers – including a handy chart depicting all major plasticisers groups - as well a quick overview of the global and European plasticiser market. [>>Factsheets](#)

Plasticisers.org online makeover

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