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## REGULATORY UPDATES

### **European Plasticisers prepares submission for food contact materials consultation**

The European Food Safety Agency has launched a public consultation on the draft update of its 2005 risk assessments of five phthalates. EFSA is proposing a group tolerable daily intake (TDI) of 50 µg/kg bw per day for DBP, BBP, DEHP and DINP. European Plasticisers considers such grouping inconsistent with the recent RAC conclusions that DINP does not have adverse reproductive effects warranting classification. European Plasticisers will provide these and other scientific comments. >>

[See announcement](#)

### **Guidelines for assessing phthalates in medical devices being drafted**

The European Commission's SCHEER Committee has published draft guidelines to compare the risks and benefits of phthalates under new EU regulations covering medical devices. The guidelines propose a methodology for this assessment, which could also eventually apply to other substances. The public consultation closes on April

29. >> [Public consultation](#)

## WHAT'S NEW ON



### Science, policy & public opinion: How the wheels turn // Ep. 2 Now out!

We talked to George Loizou from the Health and Safety Executive Laboratory in the UK about the relationship between science, industry and public policy. He explains how scientists should translate their findings for the general public in a clear and understandable manner, and the importance of building a strong relationship with policymakers and the industry. >>

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### Flexible PVC and Fashion

Some European publications have recently published an article about the uses of flexible PVC in fashion and clothing. From its debut in 1964, vinyl has made it to some of the most prestigious and glamorous catwalks in the world. Often sold as vegan leather, flexible PVC can be a great alternative to natural leather but even more versatile for demanding applications such as, for example, sports. >> [Read the article](#) (available only in Spanish)

## EVENTS



### PVC Formulation Conference: A journey into the latest market trends and innovations

European Plasticisers attended this year's PVC Formulation Conference that took place in Cologne between the 1st and 3rd of April. As conference partners we contributed to the thematic session on recent developments in plasticisers and exchanged views on the current regulatory environment at our exhibition booth. >> [Read more](#)



## European Plasticisers meets Belgian policymakers

In January, members of European Plasticisers met with representatives from Belgian ministries and government agencies as part of its ongoing outreach effort to present and discuss recent developments for the plasticisers industry. “As the voice of the plasticisers industry in Europe, we must continue to engage with policymakers all around Europe. It’s essential they can have an open and honest dialogue with the industry” said European Plasticisers’ chairman after the event.



## New Speakers Announced at the 2019 Vinyl Sustainability Forum

Under the title “Accelerating Innovation”, VinylPlus will be Prague on 9 & 10 May to explore the upcoming challenges and opportunities for the PVC industry.

Speakers will include representatives from the European Parliament, Commission, national governments, academia and some of the leading PVC companies in Europe. The event will be opened by Richard Brabec, Czech Ministry of Environment. >> [Read more](#)

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