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REGULATORY UPDATES

European Plastics comments on ECHA's recommendation to amend authorisation list for DEHP, BBP, DBP and DIBP

ECHA [recommended](#) in early July that the European Commission should amend the REACH authorisation list to include endocrine disrupting properties for DEHP, BBP, DBP and DIBP. If this recommendation is adopted, some previously exempted uses will require authorisation.

European Plastics questions the efficiency and potential of this amendment to protect health and the environment since proper disposal and/or recycling are the appropriate risk management measures with respect to the environment. Moreover, health aspects are already addressed via the first Annex XIV listing which has led to the phase out and broad restriction of DEHP, DBP, BBP and DIBP in REACH related applications. Technical manager Perry Walters calls "on the European Commission not to adopt this recommendation from ECHA". [>> European Plastics](#)

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE?



Science, policy & public opinion: How the wheels turn – Episode 3!

Mary Trainor, Gareth Evans, Andrew Curran and David Fishwick from the Health and Safety Executive Laboratory in the UK discuss how scientists can collaborate better with policymakers to address the issues of concern and the importance of constant evaluation of

new data, as well as interventions to better access future health concerns. >> [Watch the interview](#)



Flexible PVC and Fashion

Spanish magazine *Mundoplast* published an article about the uses of flexible PVC in fashion and clothing. The main fashion brands see the highly valued properties of PVC and its potential to unleash creativity in designs, colours and textures. >> [Read the article \(available only in Spanish\)](#)

EVENTS



Media field trip / The Netherlands. From production to recycling: bringing the PVC value chain to life

Around a dozen of journalists specialised in trade media from all over Europe joined European Plasticisers' annual press visit in the Netherlands, sponsored by [VinylPlus](#). Journalists were hosted at Shin Etsu (Pernis), Kras Recycling (Volendam) and Draka Polymer Films (Enkhuizen) – a producer, recycler and converter. Arjen Sevenster, from the European Council of Vinyl Manufacturers, presented to

the media the PVC industry's commitment to sustainable development through the VinylPlus initiative, highlighting the industry's contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. "European Plasticisers continually strives to raise awareness of the infinite opportunities and benefits flexible PVC offers. Through this trip, we provide a platform for industry and the media to ask questions and build relationships, and at the same time to showcase the great strides our industry continues to take towards sustainability and innovation", said Perry Walters. Technical Manager of European Plasticisers. >> [Read more](#)



European Plasticisers at #VSF2019 in Prague

VinylPlus reached an all-time recycling record by recycling almost 740,000 tonnes of PVC in 2018 – a 15.6% increase on the previous year. The results were presented at the 2019 edition of the VinylPlus Sustainability Forum in Prague, Czech Republic, where the industry shared further progress towards increasing the sustainability performance of PVC. Regulators, industry and NGOs discussed how innovation is impacting the PVC industry and its journey to sustainable development. >> [Read more](#)

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