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The Committee for Risk Assessment Agrees Opinions on Harmonised Classification for Three Chemical Substances

Today, the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) of ECHA has adopted opinions on the proposals for classification across Europe of three chemical substances as carcinogen, mutagen or toxic for reproduction

The substances are:

- **Indium phosphide**

The classification is currently not harmonised at EU level. RAC agreed with the proposal from France that the classification of the substance should be harmonised as a carcinogen toxic for reproduction. RAC also proposed a classification for repeated dose toxicity from inhalation exposure.

Indium phosphide is, for example, used as a semiconductor in the electronics industry.

- **Di-tert-butyl peroxide – DTBP**

DTBP is currently classified at EU level for certain physico-chemical hazards. RAC agreed with the proposal from France to also classify it as a mutagen.

DTBP is typically used by industry as an additive in polymerisation reactions.

- **Trixylyl phosphate**

The classification is currently not harmonised at EU level. RAC agreed with the proposal from the Netherlands for a harmonised classification of toxic for reproduction.

Trixylyl phosphate is mainly used as a fire resistant hydraulic fluid, for example in industrial power generators.

Please note that a detailed explanation and description of the categories (carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction) will be given in the RAC's opinions which will be published shortly on ECHA's website.

Notes to Editors

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The European Chemicals Agency in Helsinki, Finland, manages the REACH Regulation and the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation. Together, they aim to protect human health and the environment, and ensuring the competitiveness of European industry. Both seek to provide information which ensures the safe use of chemicals.

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC)

The RAC plays a key role in ensuring the Agency provides the best possible scientific and technical advice on the risks of chemicals. The role and responsibilities of RAC are available on the Agency's web site:

http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/committees/riskassessment_en.asp

Access to information about the activities of RAC

Information about RAC meetings and opinions RAC has adopted are published on the ECHA web site as above. A number of interested organisations, referred to as 'stakeholders', are permitted to attend RAC meetings as observers by invitation. Information about participation in meetings as a stakeholder is available on the ECHA web site, at:

http://echa.europa.eu/opportunities/stakeholdercall_en.asp

Harmonised Classification and Labelling

Further information on harmonised classification and labelling is available on the Agency's web site at:

http://echa.europa.eu/clp/classification_en.asp

To find out more about public consultations on proposals for harmonised classification and labelling or forthcoming proposals please visit the ECHA web site:

Consultations: http://echa.europa.eu/consultations/harmonised_cl_en.asp

Proposals: http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/reg_intentions_en.asp