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ECHA PUBLISHES AN INTERMEDIATE LIST OF PRE-REGISTERED SUBSTANCES

An Intermediate List of Pre-registered Substances is published today on the ECHA website. It contains almost 40,000 substances which were pre-registered by 1, October, 2008 two months before the deadline. The purpose of the intermediate list is to give Downstream Users of chemicals a possibility to determine whether substances of their interest are already pre-registered.

An intermediate list of pre-registered substances has been published to provide companies an insight to the status of pre-registrations. This list covers substances which were pre-registered by 1 October 2008 and it is accessible via the ECHA CHEM section of the Agency website.

The intermediate list contains the EC/CAS number and name of 37,768 pre-registered substances. In addition, information such as the first envisaged registration deadline, the number of related substances that may be used for (Q)SAR, grouping (category approach) and read-across, and the synonyms are included. In certain cases, when ECHA has doubts on the validity of a submitted pre-registration, the company concerned was contacted to clarify its pre-registration. The substances identified in these pre-registrations may not yet appear on the intermediate list.

The purpose of this intermediate list is to give Downstream Users the possibility to determine whether substances of their interest are already pre-registered and, if not, for them to remind their manufacturers and importers that companies can only benefit from the extended registration deadlines (2010, 2013 or 2018) if they have pre-registered their substances by 1

December 2008. Failure to meet this deadline means that a company cannot continue manufacturing or importing the substance until they have submitted a full registration dossier and paid the registration fee.

The intermediate list is not foreseen in the REACH Regulation but it has been published on the demand from industry. By 1 January 2009, the final list required by the Regulation will be published and it will replace the intermediate list on the ECHA website. That list will cover substances pre-registered from 1 June to 1 December 2008.

Links:

Intermediate list of pre-registered substances can be accessed via the List of Pre-registered Substances page in the ECHA CHEM section of the Agency website at:

<http://apps.echa.europa.eu/preregistered/pre-registered-sub.aspx>