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To MSCAs / ECHA's Stakeholder Organisations / Other relevant Stakeholders

Sent by e-mail

Subject: ECHA launches a consultation on a proposed restriction on certain chromium(VI) oxides, oxyacids and salts

The European Chemicals Agency would like to inform you that the consultation on the Annex XV restriction report on certain chromium(VI) oxides, oxyacids and salts started on **18 June 2025** and will last for 6 months concluding on **18 December 2025**. Your comments would make the most impact if submitted **by 18 September**.

The proposal to restrict certain chromium(VI) oxides, oxyacids and salts was submitted by ECHA on 11 April 2025.

Member States are invited to submit information or comments related to the restriction proposal and the associated report. Furthermore, the Agency invites you to inform relevant national stakeholders of this consultation.

Information and comments can be submitted using a dedicated web form. The restriction dossier provides background information and justifications for the proposed restriction, including a description of identified risks, information on alternatives, the effectiveness of the restriction in reducing risks, and costs and benefits of the proposed restriction.

ECHA's Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) will take into account your comments in their opinions on the proposed restriction. The opinion of RAC is scheduled to be available by Spring/Summer 2026 and the opinion of SEAC by Summer/Autumn 2026. The European Commission will then take the final decision on whether to introduce a restriction into the REACH Regulation.

The consultation is published on the ECHA website at

<http://echa.europa.eu/restrictions-under-consideration>

Details on the type of information sought during the consultation, as well as the purpose, objectives, and process is available in the Consultation Guidance: https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/17233/restriction_consultation_guidance_en.pdf/7c4705d5-ad01-43ed-a611-06f1426a595c

Further information on the restriction process is available on the ECHA website at: <http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/restrictions/restriction-procedure>

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*¹

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