

DEHP

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DEHP is subject to authorisation under REACH which means it can no longer be used in the EU after the sunset date of 21 February 2015, in any production processes including the production of articles containing DEHP, unless authorisation has been granted.

Authorisation is granted to a particular manufacturer and their particular chain of downstream users, for specific uses only. It may not be used by anyone else, or for any other purpose, other than that which is specified by the authorisation.

Three EU Manufacturers of DEHP:

Arkema France
Deza (Czech Republic) and
Grupa Azoty Zakłady (Poland)

submitted Applications for the Authorisation of DEHP to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on 8 and 12 August 2013.

The public consultation on possible alternatives to DEHP started on 13 November 2013 and lasts for 60 days.

For more information on the manufacturers applications for authorisation, and for details on how to participate in the public consultation process, please see:

Arkema
Deza
Zak.

After the 60 day public consultation process, the Authorisation process continues as follows:

For more information, click [HERE](#)

ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) have appointed rapporteurs for the DEHP authorisation dossiers. The rapporteurs meet with the applicants in a "trialogue" and discuss any questions.

The RAC and SEAC must form a draft opinion on the applications by mid-September 2013. The applicants have the opportunity to respond to the draft opinion, and the final opinion is published and sent to the Commission for decision-making.

The Commission considers the ECHA committees opinions and publishes a draft decision within three months of receipt of the final opinion.

The final decision is made under the comitology process; the Regulation does not specify deadlines for this decision.

Note:

Because these three companies sent their applications to ECHA more than 18 months before the sunset date of 21 February 2015, they may all continue to produce and sell DEHP after the sunset date, until such time as the Commission's final decision is published in the Official Journal.

Anyone can apply for authorisation at any time. However, any applicants who submit an

application after 21 August 2013 must stop producing/using DEHP at the sunset date and can only start again once the final decision of the Commission on their application for authorisation has been granted.