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Call for evidence: Scientific evaluations of health-based exposure limits at the workplace for diisocyanates

Background note

Objective

The objective of this call is to gather information from as many relevant stakeholders as possible for the scientific evaluation of health-based exposure limits at the workplace, and more specifically Occupational Exposure Limit(s) (OELs), for diisocyanates. Information needed includes tonnages, emissions and exposure, uses, as well as recent information or reviews on health effects, human exposure and epidemiology of diisocyanates.

This call for evidence targets interested parties such as companies (suppliers, distributors, importers etc.), trade associations and any other stakeholders or Member State Authorities holding relevant information.

Therefore, anyone who could be affected by this occupational exposure limit or who holds relevant information is kindly invited to provide responses before 30/06/2019.

For any clarifications on completing the questionnaire, please contact ECHA (oel@echa.europa.eu)

Background

The European Commission has requested ECHA (26/03/2019) to start the preparation of a scientific report to assess and if necessary set an occupational exposure limit for diisocyanates. ECHA will assess the risks to human health to the use of diisocyanates at the workplace.

The scientific report health based exposure limits, which will be developed on the evidence provided in this call, is subsequently evaluated by ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) to develop their opinion. Once the opinion is adopted in RAC, it is sent to European Commission and published on the ECHA website.

The RAC opinion is used as support to European Commission in the regulatory process on establishing the occupational exposure limit values for the protection of workers from chemical risks, to be set at Union level pursuant to the Chemical Agents Directive (Directive 98/24/EC). In line with the legislative procedures for setting OELs at EU level, the RAC opinion includes a recommendation to the Commission to enable them to inform the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work (ACSH).