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BSEF statement – Harmonised Classification and Labelling (CLH) proposal for Tetrabromobisphenol-A (TBBPA) by Norway & co-submitted by Denmark

Context

On 5th June 2020 Norway and Denmark submitted a proposal to the European Chemicals Agency, ECHA, for a harmonized classification and labelling (CLH) for Tetrabromobisphenol-A (TBBPA). The proposal is to add Carc. 1B (H350) to the current classification of TBBPA (Aquatic Acute 1 (H400), Aquatic Chronic 1 (H410)). TBBPA currently is self-classified as a carcinogen category 2 based on existing scientific data.

On 16th November 2020, ECHA opened a public consultation on the proposal which closes on the 29th January 2021. Subsequently, the dossier will be reviewed by ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC). This milestone marks the beginning of the process and it could take two years before any inclusion of a formal classification in Annex VI of the EU CLP regulation.

BSEF view

BSEF is reviewing this classification proposal as a Carc. Cat. 1B in detail and will be providing a detailed response to the classification dossier provided by Norway.

About TBBPA

Tetrabromobisphenol-A (TBBPA) is a brominated flame retardant (BFR) commonly used in electronics to meet fire safety standards and has the largest worldwide production of any BFR. TBBPA in its intended uses, applications and at the end of life of products where it has been used, does not present a risk to human health or the environment. For more information on TBBPA please see the BSEF website: <https://www.bsef.com/uses-innovations/brominated-flame-retardants/>

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About BSEF

BSEF – the International Bromine Council, is the global representative body for bromine producers and producers of bromine technologies. Originally founded in 1997, BSEF works to foster knowledge on the societal benefits of bromine and its applications. The members of BSEF are Albemarle Corporation, ICL Industrial Products, Lanxess and Tosoh.

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