

Press Release

DEKRA Hazardous Substance Experts Cite Application Deadline

NPEs soon to require authorization

Companies that process nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs) or use products containing them must prepare for the fact that these substances will soon require authorization. Anyone wishing to use these substances in future must submit an application for authorization to the ECHA by July 4, 2019. Preparing an application for authorization is very time-consuming, warn the hazardous substance experts at DEKRA. To make sure that they don't miss the deadline, companies should start preparing their applications at least nine months in advance.

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All 4-Nonylphenol (branched and linear) ethoxylates used alone or in mixtures are affected by the REACH regulation (EU Regulation No. 1907/2006). These substances are frequently used in industrial chemicals, surface treatment applications and polymer manufacturing. In household chemicals, this surfactant was banned some time ago because it is believed to affect the hormone system. This group of substances is included in entry number 43 of Annex XIV to the REACH Regulation.

The application for authorization must contain three elements:

- A chemical safety report illustrating how hazards to humans and the environment are to be adequately controlled through the use of technical procedures. Supporting evidence must be provided in the form of workplace and emission measurements and model calculations.
- An analysis of alternatives describing what alternative substances exist, and why, from a technical and financial perspective, they are not currently suitable for use.
- A socio-economic analysis in the form of a monetized assessment of the overall benefit from use of the substance relative to the damage caused by it.

Once the application for authorization has been submitted, it will be examined in depth by various bodies of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA); as a rule, numerous detailed inquiries will be made, with data and documents requested later. If an application is successful, authorization will be granted by the EU Commission for a limited period of time.

The process of preparing an application for authorization is highly complex, so it is advisable to seek the advice of an experienced consultant.

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DEKRA's hazardous substance experts have more than 25 years of experience in advising on legal issues relating to chemicals and hazardous substances. DEKRA also has measuring facilities for hazardous substances and environmental protection and runs its own laboratories.

Further information is available at www.dekra.de/reach

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2017, DEKRA generated sales totalling more than 3.1 billion Euros. The company currently employs more than 44,000 people in more than 50 countries on all five continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.