

## Justification for removing a group of substances from CoRAP prior to evaluation

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Substance Name (public name):</b>	xylene
<b>EC Number:</b>	215-535-7
<b>CAS Number:</b>	1330-20-7
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Substance name (public name):</b>	reaction mass of ethylbenzene and xylene
<b>EC Number:</b>	905-588-0
<b>CAS Number:</b>	N/A
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Substance name (public name):</b>	reaction mass of ethylbenzene and m-xylene and p-xylene
<b>EC Number:</b>	905-562-9
<b>CAS Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Authority:</b>	Germany
<b>Date:</b>	22/03/2022

**The priority for evaluating the substances has been reconsidered based on:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The initial hazard ground of concern has been verified and considered of low priority</b>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The initial exposure/risk ground of concern has been verified and considered of low priority</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>The generation of information under Substance Evaluation is considered of low priority because</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Already ongoing or implemented regulatory process(es)</p> <p><i>In 2020, a series of compliance check (CCH) decisions for the three substances have been issued by ECHA on 03 April 2020 requiring standard information on the substances at Annex VIII to X level to be provided until 11 July 2022.<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p><i>The substance evaluation of the three pure isomers of xylene (o-xylene, m-xylene, p-xylene) which alongside ethylbenzene form the main constituents of the three isomeric mixtures has been concluded by the German CA in 2020 (publication of the evaluation report and conclusion is still pending).</i></p> <p><i>A regulatory management option analysis (RMOA) on a series of organic solvents, among them xylenes,<sup>2</sup> has been triggered by the German CA as a follow-up activity which also encompasses a consultation of registrants and downstream users of xylenes as well as further stakeholders. This analysis specifically targets consumer use of these substances as a remaining concern which was not fully clarified based on the substance evaluation of the single xylene isomers.</i></p> <p><i>It is anticipated that based on the combined new information obtained from these activities, regulatory risk management may be decided upon in a holistic manner without the added requirement of a substance evaluation of the xylene isomeric mixtures.</i></p> <p><i>Consequently, the DE CA proposes to withdraw the CoRAP entries for xylene (EC 215-535-7), reaction mass of ethylbenzene and xylene (EC 905-588-0) and reaction mass of ethylbenzene and m-xylene and p-xylene (EC 905-562-9).</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registrants' (voluntary) action addresses concern
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

<sup>1</sup> CCH decision on "xylene" (EC 215-535-7) dated 03 April 2020: <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/7b4db345-0957-cdda-6804-00c35c31126a>; CCH decision on "reaction mass of ethylbenzene and xylene" (EC 905-588-0) dated 03 April 2020: <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/1cdf6fd8-50c4-d035-6d5b-3dd6a4957b2a>; CCH decision on "reaction mass of ethylbenzene and m-xylene and p-xylene" (EC 905-562-9) dated 03 April 2020: <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/b69bbfa7-2062-2f72-981c-fa493e45da6b>

<sup>2</sup> RMOA of the DE CA on xylene isomers, isomeric mixtures and further organic solvents, PACT entry created on 11 June 2020: <https://echa.europa.eu/de/rmoa/-/dislist/details/0b0236e184ff4ec9>