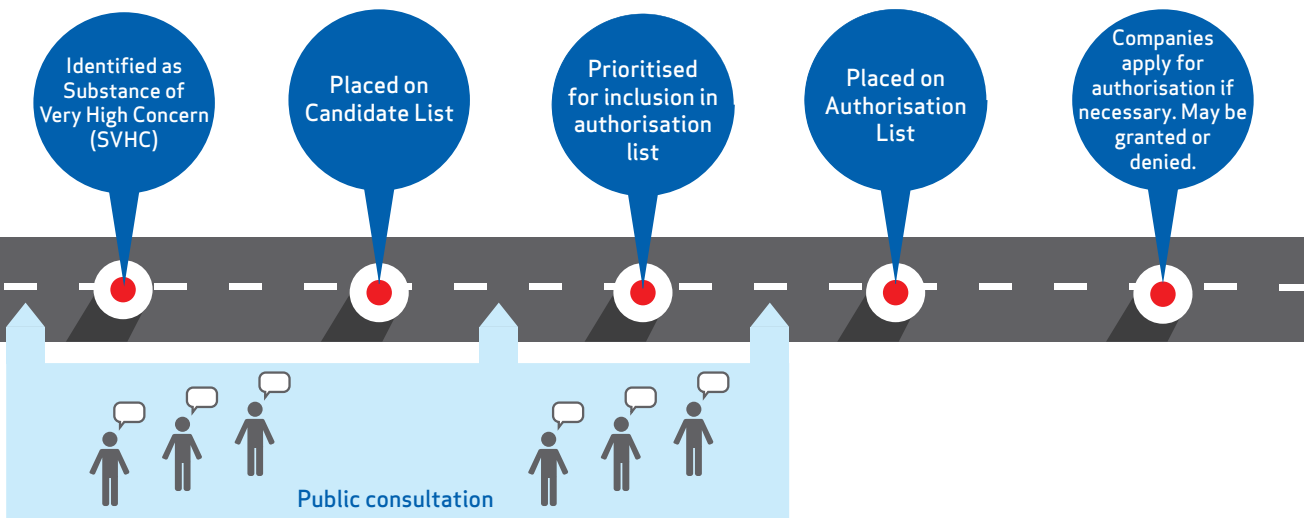


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Authorisation aims to manage the risks of chemicals of concern by promoting their substitution with safer alternatives. After a specified date, only companies that have been authorised to use the substance in the EU can do so. Authorisation is granted only if there is adequate control of risk or if the socio-economic benefits in continuing to use the substance outweigh the risk of continued use. Companies can apply for authorisation directly, or can be included in an application for authorisation by another company in their supply chain. This document outlines the main stages leading to authorisation and strategies for users of chemicals.



What does that mean for a company that uses chemicals?

If you are a company that uses chemicals:

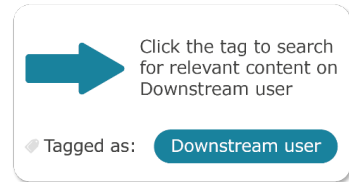
1. Establish whether you might be affected by consulting the authorisation list (<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>) and the Public activities coordination tool (PACT (<https://echa.europa.eu/pact>)) on ECHA's website regularly.
 - Follow the regulatory status of chemicals you use in the ECHA website
2. Participate in public consultations.
 - The decision making process is based on the information available to it. Provide any relevant information about use, exposure, alternatives and so on
3. Engage with your suppliers
 - It helps to know what your suppliers' intentions are
4. Evaluate the importance to your business and industry sector
 - This influences your strategy if the substance is placed on the authorisation list. Elements include profitability, production life-stage and projected lifetime, certification and market position.
5. When a substance is subject to authorisation, decide on your strategy. Your options include:
 - Substitute the substance or process with a safer alternative
 - Eliminate the substance if it is not important to your business and supply chain
 - Ensure your use is included in an application for authorisation by your suppliers
 - Apply for authorisation (individually or jointly with other applicants)¹

¹ If you are applying for authorisation as a downstream user and want to include your suppliers, you can only cover placing on the market by your immediate supplier if they manufacture or import the substance.

6. Involve all relevant personnel in the company, and engage external expertise as necessary.

Where can I get more information ...about AUTHORISATION?

- ECHA's webpages on authorisation: <https://echa.europa.eu/substances-of-very-high-concern-identification-explained>
- How to apply for authorisation pages: <https://echa.europa.eu/applying-for-authorisation>
- Committees common approach paper in opinion development on AfA: https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13555/common_approach_rac_seac_en.pdf
- AfAs and committees opinions: <https://echa.europa.eu/applications-for-authorisation-previous-consultations>



...about DOWNSTREAM USERS?

- Web pages containing information specifically aimed at Downstream users have been tagged accordingly. Click the tag to retrieve the list of relevant content.