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LIST OF PRE-REGISTERED SUBSTANCES PUBLISHED

Today, ECHA has published on its website a list of pre-registered substances. The list contains about 150,000 substances which were pre-registered by 65,000 companies between 1 June and 1 December 2008. ECHA has been screening part of the information submitted and due to the high number of pre-registrations ECHA will continue to check the information into the New Year. The fully screened list will be published at a later date.

During the six month period from 1 June to 1 December 2008, ECHA received about 2.75 million pre-registrations for about 150,000 substances. As provided by the REACH regulation, ECHA published today the list of pre-registered substances, i.e. before 1 January 2009. The pre-registrations cover all the EU "existing substances" (EINECS) and the list of notified new substances (ELINCS), together about 105,000 substances. The remainder of the substances on the list are not in these inventories and are currently being screened. The screening process will continue beyond 1 January 2009 and ECHA will update the list as the checking progresses. Companies are reminded that all of the pre-registered substances on the list may not fall within the scope of REACH, and some of them may have been registered without taking into account the volume trigger set by the regulation for manufacturing or importing.

During the screening process ECHA removes those pre-registrations that are in all evidence not substances (for example, pre-registrations that are articles, such as "shoes"). ECHA also merges substances that are synonyms into one pre-SIEF. Moreover, pre-registrations not submitted by EU/EEA companies will be deleted. The screening will result in fewer substances on the list and changes to the number of companies in the pre-SIEFs. The potential registrants in a pre-SIEF will first ensure that their substance is the same in order to establish the Substance Information Exchange Fora (SIEFs). Data sharing under REACH may take place in the SIEFs as well as the preparation of joint submission of registration dossiers.

Further Information

List of pre-registered substances (19 DEC 2008) can be accessed via a dedicated page in the ECHA CHEM section of the Agency website at:

<http://apps.echa.europa.eu/preregistered/pre-registered-sub.aspx>

Pre-registration Q&A () is a compilation of general, IUCLID 5 and REACH-IT related questions and answers. It can be accessed at: http://echa.europa.eu/doc/pre-registration/pre_reg_qa_en.pdf