

Call for evidence on the review of lead in Jewellery.

Background document

ECHA has been requested by the Commission on 19/12/2016 (https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13641/echa_lead_pah_commission_request_en.pdf/248461e1-cab2-9d23-9d54-42df72d26505) to evaluate the current restriction on lead in jewellery by 30 September 2017 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:252:0004:0006:EN:PDF>). The review is related to the possible introduction of a migration limit (in addition to the current content limit of 0.05%) and to assess whether the availability of alternatives for the following four current derogations has changed:

- (a) crystal glass as defined in Annex I (categories 1, 2, 3 and 4) to Council Directive 69/493/EEC;
- (b) internal components of watch timepieces inaccessible to consumers;
- (c) non-synthetic or reconstructed precious and semiprecious stones (CN code 7103, as established by Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87), unless they have been treated with lead or its compounds or mixtures containing these substances;
- (d) enamels, defined as vitrifiable mixtures resulting from the fusion, vitrification or sintering of minerals melted at a temperature of at least 500 °C.

This *Call for evidence* does not replace the public consultation organised by ECHA at the start of any restriction process, if a restriction proposal is submitted.

The objective of this call for evidence is to gather concrete information on:

- a) the availability of alternatives to lead or its compounds used in the articles referred to above.
- b) analytical methodologies to determine migration of lead from the different materials used in jewellery.

Additional relevant information for the purpose of the evaluation is also welcome.

This call for evidence targets interested parties such as companies (manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, importers etc.), trade associations, scientific bodies and any other stakeholders holding relevant information. Information can be submitted confidentially and will be treated as such by ECHA.

ECHA invites interested parties to respond to the call for evidence by 20 July 2017.

For any clarifications on the call for evidence and the compliance costs survey, please contact: restriction@echa.europa.eu