

**Risk Management Option Analysis Conclusion Document**

**Substance Name: N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide (NMA)**

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# Foreword

The purpose of Risk Management Option analysis (RMOA) is to help authorities decide whether further regulatory risk management activities are required for a substance and to identify the most appropriate instrument to address a concern.

RMOA is a voluntary step, i.e., it is not part of the processes as defined in the legislation. For authorities, documenting the RMOA allows the sharing of information and promoting early discussion, which helps lead to a common understanding on the action pursued. A Member State or ECHA (at the request of the Commission) can carry out this case-by-case analysis in order to conclude whether a substance is a 'relevant substance of very high concern (SVHC)' in the sense of the SVHC Roadmap to 2020[[1]](#footnote-1).

An RMOA can conclude that regulatory risk management at EU level is required for a substance (e.g. harmonised classification and labelling, Candidate List inclusion, restriction, other EU legislation) or that no regulatory action is required at EU level. Any subsequent regulatory processes under the REACH Regulation include consultation of interested parties and appropriate decision making involving Member State Competent Authorities and the European Commission as defined in REACH.

This Conclusion document provides the outcome of the RMOA carried out by the author authority. In this conclusion document, the authority considers how the available information collected on the substance can be used to conclude whether regulatory risk management activities are required for a substance and which is the most appropriate instrument to address a concern. With this Conclusion document the Commission, the competent authorities of the other Member States and stakeholders are informed of the considerations of the author authority. In case the author authority proposes in this conclusion document further regulatory risk management measures, this shall not be considered initiating those other measures or processes. Since this document only reflects the views of the author authority, it does not preclude Member States or the European Commission from considering or initiating regulatory risk management measures which they deem appropriate.

### OVERVIEW OF OTHER PROCESSES / EU LEGISLATION

### CONCLUSION OF RMOA

This conclusion is based on the REACH and CLP data as well as other available relevant information taking into account the SVHC Roadmap to 2020, where appropriate.

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| **Conclusions** | **Tick box** |
| Need for follow-up regulatory action at EU level: |  |
| *Harmonised classification and labelling* |  |
| *Identification as SVHC (authorisation)* | x |
| *Restriction under REACH* |  |
| *Other EU-wide regulatory measures* |  |
| Need for action other than EU regulatory action |  |
| No action needed at this time |  |

### Need for follow-up regulatory action at EU level

### Identification as SVHC (authorisation)

N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide (NMA) is a structurally similar analogue to acrylamide. NMA has harmonised classifications including Carc. 1B and Muta. 1B, thus the substance fulfils the criteria for SVHC identification according to Article 57 (a) and (b) of REACH. Based on the information from the Swedish Product Registry, it appears NMA may have similar uses as acrylamide. In addition, phys chem parameters, such as water solubility and log Kow, indicate similar properties of these two substances. We conclude that NMA may be used, for certain uses, to substitute acrylamide.

We propose to identify NMA as an SVHC for inclusion in the Candidate list. This will raise the awareness of the substance and be an incentive for substitution. Furthermore, this may prevent regrettable substitution of acrylamide, as acrylamide is already included in the Candidate list. Subsequent inclusion in Annex XIV to REACH would lead to further pressure on substitution. However, none of the currently registered uses of NMA are within the scope of authorisation.

In the EU, acrylamide has a binding occupational exposure limit value (BOELV). It could be further investigated whether the BOELV entry for acrylamide can be broadened to include other acrylamide analogues that meet the criteria of being mutagenic and carcinogenic.

### TENTATIVE PLAN FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IF NECESSARY

Indication of a tentative plan is not a formal commitment by the authority. A commitment to prepare a REACH Annex XV dossier (SVHC, restrictions) and/or CLP Annex VI dossier should be made via the Registry of Intentions.

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| **Follow-up action** | **Date for follow-up** | **Actor** |
| Identification as SVHC (authorisation) | 2022 | Swedish Chemicals Agency |

1. For more information on the SVHC Roadmap: <http://echa.europa.eu/addressing-chemicals-of-concern/substances-of-potential-concern/svhc-roadmap-to-2020-implementation> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)