



SILICONES AND THE EU GREEN DEAL

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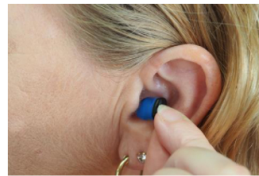
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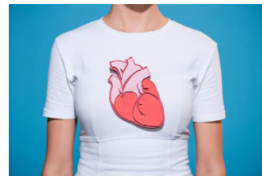
Silicones and cutting-edge innovation are no strangers to each other. Here are some of the most recent examples of technological progress involving silicones!



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INDUSTRY NEWS



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FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE: THE COMMISSION'S NEXT STEP TO ACHIEVE DECARBONISATION

To deliver on the European Green Deal climate actions and in particular the climate target plan's 55 % net reduction target, the Commission will put forward a **'Fit for 55 package'** in July, aiming to reduce the bloc's emissions by at least 55% by 2030. The package will include a series of legislative initiatives – in many cases, revisions of existing texts – to bring the EU's most carbon-intensive sectors in line with the newly set climate goals. This will cover wide-ranging policy areas, from renewables to energy efficiency, energy performance of buildings, as well as land use, energy taxation, effort sharing and emissions trading. The Fit for 55 Package will be released on 14 July.

CES – alongside [Cefic](#) – will be looking at how its industry can contribute to these ambitious goals.

REGULATORY UPDATES

"LEAVE-ON" RESTRICTION - WHAT'S NEW?

The restriction proposal on the use of D4, D5 and D6 in leave-on cosmetic products and other consumer or professional products published in January 2019 is expected to be adopted in 2022. The risk assessment by ECHA's committee was finalised in Q2 2020 and it is now for the Commission to develop a proposal to manage the identified risks. The Commission's proposal is now scheduled to be initially discussed during the REACH committee meeting in December 2021 (07-08) followed by a vote on the proposal during a subsequent meeting. In case the REACH Committee approves the proposal, it will be submitted to Council and European Parliament for scrutiny. CES will continue to engage with decision-makers in the EU Commission and Member States.

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AUTHORISATION FOR D4, D5 AND D6 - WHAT IS THE STATUS?

In 2018, D4, D5 and D6 were classified as SVHC and added to the REACH Candidate List. Following standard REACH procedures, ECHA identified them – according to its prioritisation tool for its 2020 draft recommendation – as potential priorities for inclusion in the Authorisation list.

Two consultations were launched on 5 March 2020 to gather stakeholder input and remained open until 5 June 2020. On 9-11 February, the 73rd meeting of the Member State Committee (MSC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) adopted its opinion on ECHA's draft recommendation. In its opinion, the MSC supported ECHA's recommendation to propose D4, D5 and D6 for inclusion in the Authorisation list.

On 14 April 2021, the European Chemicals Agency [recommended](#) for the European Commission to add D4, D5 and D6 to the **Authorisation list**. The European Commission is yet to decide if it will follow the recommendation. CES will closely engage with EU and national decision-makers to advocate against such a step.

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COMMISSION PUBLISHES DRAFT ROADMAP TO REGULATE SUBSTANCES UNDER REACH

On 17 June 2021, the European Commission published a [draft roadmap](#) to regulate the use of the most harmful groups of substances via restrictions under REACH. This document contains a rolling list of restrictions planned, prepared and to be progressed the coming 4 to 6 years. In parallel, the Commission is looking into extending the **generic approach to risk management** (hazard approach) to certain type of substances (e.g., endocrine disruptors). The roadmap **does not prevent** Member States from **proposing new restrictions** for substances which are not included in the roadmap.

The draft document was discussed during the meeting of the Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP (CARACAL) on 29 June 2021.

Silicone substances are not mentioned in the draft roadmap. CES will however carefully monitor the rollout of the roadmap to identify potential risks for the industry.

OUR OWN NEWS

We say goodbye to Pierre Germain who left CES and Cefic on 30th June. We want to thank Pierre for his contributions for CES over the years and we wish all the best for his future endeavours. The new CES manager is Evelyne Frauman. You can reach her here: efr@cefic.be.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or want more information about silicones, reach out to our team!

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