

SEA Health, Safety & Environment Committee Update

August 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the SEA HS&E Committee meeting scheduled for 21st July 2020 was cancelled. Here is an update on the key issues since the last update in April.

Silver

The European Precious Metals Federation is continuing its efforts to prevent silver being classified as a Reprotox 1B under the biocidal products regulations. They have now completed impact assessments for the key sectors, including surface engineering. Full details can be obtained by contacting the EPMF at <https://www.epmf.be/silver/>

Cadmium

The International Zinc Association is heading up efforts to prevent cadmium and cadmium compounds from requiring authorisation for continued use under the REACH Regulations. Cadmium and cadmium compounds are already restricted and come under extremely tight environmental and health & safety regulations already, so it would appear unnecessary to add a further layer of regulation. Full details at <https://www.reach-cadmium.eu>

Cobalt

The Cobalt Institute have responded to the SEAC (Socio-Economic Analysis Committee) consultation on the proposed Restriction of the five cobalt salts, please see attached a summary of their response.

Chromium trioxide Authorisation

Our European Association CETS (European Committee for Surface Treatments) joined forces with Eurometaux and ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) to hold two webinars regarding the authorisation of Chromium trioxide – please see attached for full details.

SCIP Database

SCIP is the database for information on **S**ubstances of **C**oncern **I**n articles as such or in complex objects (**P**roducts) established under the Waste Framework Directive (WFD).

Companies supplying articles containing substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) on the EU market have to submit information on these articles to ECHA, as from 5 January 2021. The SCIP database ensures that the information on articles containing Candidate List substances is available throughout the whole lifecycle of products and materials, including at the waste stage. The information in the database is then made available to waste operators and consumers.

The format of the SCIP database has been announced and full details are at <https://echa.europa.eu/scip-format>