



SVHC Roadmap WG Meeting

Minutes, Brussels, 20 March 2016 (10:00-12:00)

Chair: Mike Shepherd, Vale, UK

Action Summary table

Actions	By when	By who	Status
Identify new substances added to the Roadmap and follow developments for relevant substances.	Ongoing	Secretariat	
Revise the draft WG mandate to include substance criticality criteria in addition to „minimum 3 members“ criteria for prioritisation of PMC work	15/05/16	Secretariat	
Substance screening input (last call)	15/05/16	Members	
Upcoming Annex XIV update: send last call reminder on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CTP-HT- Nonylphenol	1 st week May	Secretariat	
Send check list on actions to be taken ahead of possible inclusion of a substance in Authorisation list as well as on possible options for submitting AfAs	End May	Secretariat	
Send paper on potential roles of DUs in the different prioritisation processes from screening to RMM decisions and implementation	End May	Secretariat	
Borates – clarification on uses to be sent to Secretariat	End May	Members	
RCFs – clarification on uses to be sent to Secretariat	End May	Members	
Discuss Borates activities at EM level as other potential collaborations on other SVHC which are used by different commodities.	May (A/ R platform meeting)	Secretariat	



Monitoring of developments related to borates and RCFs	Ongoing	Secretariat	
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1. Welcome and Introduction

Participants were welcomed and reminded about confidentiality and anti-trust rules. The list of participants is available in the Annex. The agenda was approved. The status on the action points from the last meeting (13 October 2015) have been reviewed and the minutes have been approved.

2. General facts on SVHC Roadmap Implementation

2.1 Implementation report 2015

The main trends in the Roadmap implementation were presented, based on ECHA's report on the Roadmap implementation. While most known CMRs have been the initial focus, there is a gradual shift towards other properties such as PBT, ED, sensitizers. For instance, 40 sensitizers are currently undergoing further evaluation. As regards 2016 activities, it was highlighted that non-hazard criteria for prioritisation are being refined and that such prioritisation will be facilitated by IUCLID 6. One of this non-hazard criteria will be the volume, it means that it becomes more and more critical to gather this information as producers and users and ensure that relevant information is available in IUCLID 6.

ACTION:

- **Continue monitoring the SVHC roadmap implementation: identify new substances added to the Roadmap and follow developments related to relevant substances**

3. Review of the Working Group Mandate

The key components of the proposed mandate were presented. Members discussed in particular the requirements for "PMC relevance". While agreeing on a minimum of 3 members interested, members insisted that this minimum threshold needed to be complemented by a criticality criterion in order to prioritise the work. Members agreed with the overall proposed mandate provided that the criticality criterion is included.

ACTION:

- **Amend the draft mandate in order to include criticality criterion**

4. Identification of Substances of Interest to PMC

The results of the survey on substances of interest were presented to the group. Based on previously collected input and results of the survey, 75 substances have been identified as relevant for at least 1 member, and 13 for at least 3 members. Members were asked to indicate if other substances should



be added. Several members indicated interest in nitric acid for which Germany has recently submitted a reclassification proposal under CLP.

The Secretariat underlined the low participation rate (6 members) which puts in question the representativeness of the results. It was agreed to send a last reminder asking for input by mid-May. After that date, the exercise will be considered as finalized. In order to trigger more feedback, members suggested to send the table which shows the current outcome of the screening exercise. Furthermore, Metalor underlined that the potential for DU involvement is not the same for all processes: for instance it is lower under CoRAP than under RMOA. It was agreed that the Secretariat will draft a paper outlining DU involvement potential in the various processes of the Roadmap.

ACTIONS:

- **Send reminder on screening tables including provisional outcome table**
- **Draft a paper clarifying DU involvement potential under the different processes of the SVHC Roadmap**

5. REACH Authorisation

5.1 ECHA's 7th Draft Recommendation list

5.1.1 PMC input to the public consultation

The Secretariat presented the main elements of PMC's response to ECHA's public consultation on the draft 7th list regarding lead monoxide. Further discussions on lead monoxide but focused on the registration status were held in a separate follow-up meeting and are reported in separate minutes.

5.1.2 Update on status

The final 7th list is expected in June for potential inclusion in Annex XIV end 2016/early 2017.

5.2 Draft Commission proposal for next Authorisation list update

5.2.1 Possible inclusion of CTP-HT and 4-Nonylphenol

CTP-HT and Nonylphenol are likely to be included in REACH Annex XIV in the coming weeks. Both substances were reported as relevant by only 1 member. If no more members indicate interest, PMC will no longer follow these substances.

Members agreed that a last reminder will be sent on these two substances.

ACTION:

- **Secretariat to send a last call reminder for these two substances**

5.2.2 Status update on Borates, RCFs

Both groups of substances have been included in previous ECHA's prioritisation lists (5th/6th) but have not been proposed for the next inclusion in Annex XIV. Both groups have been taken out "for the time being" and are currently undergoing further assessment by ECHA and the Commission.



As regards borates, members agreed that they are mostly used as process chemicals in the PM industry. Concerning RCFs, some members pointed out that these substances are not used as such but are contained in furnaces or other articles (e.g. bricks). On the other hand, maintenance activities were evoked in relation to RCFs which may require further clarification. It was agreed to clarify the uses of these two groups of substances and that the Secretariat will continue to monitor developments.

Furthermore, upon members' request, the Secretariat will prepare a "check-list" on actions that can be taken by DUs when substances they use are prioritised for REACH Authorisation (e.g. clarification of the uses, substitution potential advocacy etc.). The paper should also outline the different options available to submit Applications for Authorisation.

It was highlighted that borates are also used by other metals industry in same ways (e.g.: surface treatment). The SVHC WG recommended to discuss this again at Eurometaux level to see how we can join forces and streamline the actions at more horizontal level.

ACTIONS:

- **Members to provide further information on uses of borates and RCFs to the Secretariat by end May**
- **Secretariat to develop a check-list on DU's actions in the context of prioritisation for Authorisation, as well as on the options for AfAs**
- **Secretariat to monitor developments related to borates and RCFs**
- **Discuss borates activities at EM level as other potential collaborations on other SVHCs which are used by different commodities.**

5.3 Preparation of ECHA's 8th Recommendation list

The Secretariat provided an update on the timeline for the 8th list. The scoring of substances identified as relevant by at least 1 member was shown. One more member indicated interest in phenolphthalein (now identified as relevant by 2 PMC members). One member confirmed interest in trilead bis(carbonate)dihydroxide.

ACTION:

- **Secretariat to monitor 8th list developments and to update the list of PMC relevant substances**

6. Update on relevant Eurometaux work

6.1 RMOA Guidance

The Secretariat updated the members on the Eurometaux guidance on RMOAs which was finalised early 2016. Further advocacy activities will be conducted at ECHA, Commission and RiME levels.

6.2 REACH Review



The Secretariat updated the members on the status of the REACH review on which a report from the European Commission is expected in June 2017. The Secretariat informed the members about the work conducted on this issue together with Eurometaux (Taskforce, event).

7. Workplan and budget (11:40-11:50)

The Secretariat presented the current budget status. The SVHC WG approved the first 2017 budget forecast to be presented at the next Management Committee and the Assembly in June 2016. Regarding 2017, it was however noted that it is still subject to change depending on upcoming Authorisation developments and their relevance. As regards human resources, the Working Group recommends to the Management Committee to consider an increase from 0,2 to 0,4 Full Time Equivalent for 2017 given the expected increase in activity.

8. AOB, next meeting, closing remarks (11:50-12:00)

No AOBs. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 October in the morning.



Annex: List of Participants

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