

Regulatory status of Azodicarbonamide – current SVHC discussion

Tramaco as one of the founding members has taken an active part in setting up an ADCA Task Force in order to organize ADCA producers and downstream users to respond to regulatory challenges under REACH.

The Task Force has now over 40 members throughout all major supply chains – and comprising companies from the various steps: manufacturers, importers, formulators and compounders, article producers.

The most urgent and immediate task is the preparation of a common industry input to the ongoing draft prioritization.

What is at stake?

ADCA has been identified as Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) due to its classification as respiratory sensitizer and included in the Candidate List in December 2012. ECHA has now selected ADCA and put it on the draft list of prioritization.

A public consultation is now ongoing until 23rd September 2013.

Depending on the input and outcome of the public consultation, the next step would potentially be

- not considered any more to be a substance whose uses need to be authorized or
- the confirmation of ADCA as a substance to be “prioritized” (as preliminary step to authorization).
- The Commission will then decide to include ADCA to the Annex XIV. This means that in order to use ADCA in your applications each use needs to be authorized – either by yourself or by your supplier.

Please be aware that the actually proposed regulatory measures will not just be applied to the pure powder but to all preparations, independent whether a fine dust exposition is possible or excluded.

If you are a user of ADCA or ADCA preparations, please consider joining the Task Force to

- support the common industry input to the public consultation
- make sure your supply chain and your company’s interest is represented in the Task Force
- be prepared in case authorization can not be avoided

In case you want to join now or need more information, please contact TRAMACO GmbH via our contact form.

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