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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF  
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**Subject: REACH Annex XVII, entries 51 and 52 on phthalates - Request to ECHA to review and analyse the information coming from the registration dossiers in order to complete the review reports**

Based on the review clause contained in the entries 51 and 52 of the Annex XVII of REACH for the phthalates and the Commission request dated 4 September 2009, ECHA provided the Commission with review reports containing the results of its work in March 2010.

ECHA came to the conclusion that the available new information with regards to uses of and exposure to these phthalates does not indicate the need for an urgent re-examination of the existing restrictions and suggested to wait until the first registration deadline is passed in order to enable the Commission to confirm or contest the conclusion of the ECHA and before deciding on any further action on this group of substances.

The Commission announced its intention to follow this recommendation during the June 2010 CARACAL meeting.

In this context, as the first registration deadline is now over, noting that three of those phthalates – namely DEHP, DBP and BBP (entry 51) – are included in the draft Commission Regulation for inclusion in Annex XIV and are as well addressed in the Danish notification of intention to prepare a restriction dossier, the Commission would like to request ECHA to assess whether there is at that stage a need for further actions on these three phthalates under REACH on the basis of the registration dossiers.

With regard to the three non-classified phthalates (entry 52), the Commission would like to request ECHA to review and analyse new scientific information, if any, coming from the registration dossiers with a view to completing the assessment of information already



included in the existing review reports and, as appropriate, revise the ECHA conclusions, including the need or not for further actions on these three non-classified phthalates under REACH.

Yours sincerely,



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