



ECHA Webinar: preliminary study on the use of five cobalt salts

How the cobalt industry is planning to contribute

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Who we are...



- Cobalt Development Institute (CDI)

The Cobalt Development Institute (CDI) is a non-profit trade association composed of producers, users, recyclers, and traders of cobalt. We promote the sustainable and responsible production and use of cobalt in all its forms.

- Cobalt REACH Consortium (CoRC)

The REACH Consortium has been established by the Board of the CDI to implement REACH on behalf of the cobalt industry. CoRC acts as the consortium Secretariat.

- >50 Regular consortia members (Manufacturers and Importers) and Associate members (Downstream Users)
- Letter of Access companies, industry sector groups and associations
- A total of >100 companies, stakeholders and actors in the cobalt supply chain





How can CoRC support the ECHA preliminary study?



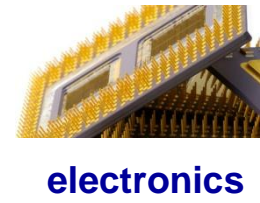
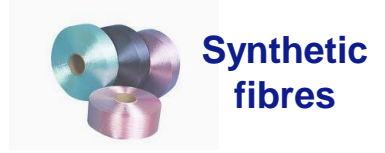
- CoRC and the CDI have extensive experience with responding to information requests / consultations
 - SVHC proposals for the five cobalt salts
 - Prioritisation of the five cobalt salts to Annex XIV of REACH (substances subject to authorisation)
- CoRC/CDI are supporting the ECHA preliminary study by:
 - Identifying relevant stakeholders (downstream users, companies and trade associations, industry groups),
 - Extending the outreach along the supply chain and encouraging networking
 - Supporting and coordinating stakeholders efforts, where necessary, to interpret the request, identify data gaps and provide useful, consistent, robust information in a format that can be shared along the supply chain



Uses included in the ECHA study



- Use as catalyst to manufacture PTA, IPA and DMT : only cobalt acetate
- Cobalt diacetate as pigment in PET
- Surface treatment: e.g. passivation and plating
- Essential Element:
 - Biotechnology/biomedical
 - Animal feed, Fertilizers
 - Biogas production
- Catalyst in oxygen scavenging anti-corrosion water treatments
- Humidity indicator cells



We urge companies/Associations involved in these uses to respond to the ECHA preliminary study!



Why it is important to contribute now



- It is in the interest of all stakeholders to be proactive and provide relevant and reliable information which can be taken into account during decision-making by the Commission on the development of a restriction for cobalt salts.
- If there is limited participation now, certain industry data will not be available for this important decision-making step, which will also increase the amount of information/effort required from industry in the future.
- The more information provided the better understanding ECHA will have of the uses of the cobalt salts.
- This will enable ECHA to provide the clearest recommendations to the Commission on the need to address any risks from the uses of the Cobalt salts.
- **Limited time until the questionnaire deadline (18th of April)!**



Related cobalt industry activities



- CoRC and the CDI are also involved in a series of related activities that are being conducted in parallel to the ECHA preliminary study
 - Developing a strategy for engagement in the wider regulatory process
 - Improving the understanding of the uses of the five cobalt salts, including their supply and value chain and potential alternatives
 - Undertaking workplace exposure monitoring in collaboration with DU companies to refine the Exposure Scenarios for certain uses (i.e. surface treatment).

No one knows your uses better than you!

We need your expertise and help!

Contact us if you'd like to be involved in these projects



Engage in the process!



- If you do not know whether or not you are concerned by this study, it's better to make sure...
- If you do not belong to a Sector Group or trade Association...
 - If you do not know where to start...

Contact us! We can support you!

Respond to ECHA's questionnaire by 18 April 2013

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