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Diisocyanates

Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1149 of 3 August 2020 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards diisocyanates

Amendment to REACH

The European Commission has amended Annex XVII to the REACH regulation. They are adding unspecified Diisocyanates as entry 74. Their industrial or professional use as well as their placing on the market as a substance or in substances or mixtures is limited to 0.1 % by weight.

Diisocyanates are mainly used to make polyurethane products like foams, coatings, adhesives, sealants and elastomers.

The restrictions are applicable starting 24 February 2022 for the prohibition of placing on the market and 24 August 2023 for the use, respectively.

Original text:

Diisocyanates, $O=C=N-R-N=C=O$, with R an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon unit of unspecified length

1. Shall not be used as substances on their own, as a constituent in other substances or in mixtures for industrial and professional use(s) after 24 August 2023, unless:

(a) the concentration of diisocyanates individually and in combination is less than 0,1 % by weight, or

(b) the employer or self-employed ensures that industrial or professional user(s) have successfully completed training on the safe use of diisocyanates prior to the use of the substance(s) or mixture(s).

2. Shall not be placed on the market as substances on their own, as a constituent in other substances or in mixtures for industrial and professional use(s) after 24 February 2022, unless:

(a) the concentration of diisocyanates individually and in combination is less than 0,1 % by weight, or

(b) the supplier ensures that the recipient of the substance(s) or mixture(s) is provided with information on the requirements referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1 and the following statement is placed on the packaging, in a manner that is visibly distinct from the rest of the label information: "As from 24 August 2023 adequate training is required before industrial or professional use".

[...]

This is followed by explanations regarding the mentioned training. To read the whole amending go to

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1596706774310&uri=CELEX%3A32020R1149>