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FEICA WEBINAR: 25 FEBRUARY 2021

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION (CPR) REVIEW

Following the recent public consultation on the review of the European Construction Products Regulation (CPR), FEICA is organising a webinar to raise awareness about this legislative package within its membership and interested stakeholders.

An overview of the present situation and the important scenarios and policy options for CPR will be presented by Deutsche Bauchemie Director, Mr Martin Gloeckner, followed by a summary of the recent Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) report by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Christian Doleschal.

Mr Doleschal, who is the rapporteur of this action of the European Parliament, will present the main outcomes of the IMCO report, which focuses on the present and future of the CPR.

Views on the CPR review will be shared by the Netherlands Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) Senior Policy Officer-Building Regulation, Drs Dirk Breedveld (MSc).

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Finally, the Construction Products Europe (CPE) Technical Director, Mr Oscar Nieto, will present an alternative option for the future of the CPR to those presented by the European Commission, offering solutions which respect and maintain the principles of the CPR.

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATIONS ARE LIMITED AND WE ONLY HAVE VERY FEW PLACES LEFT. If you are unable to register because we have exceeded our capacity, please write to news@feica.eu and we will send you a summary of the webinar after the event.

The webinar takes place on 25 February 2021 from 13:00 until 14:30 Brussels time. More information is available on the registration page here: <https://cutt.ly/CPR-registration>

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING WEBINARS!

17 March 2021	FEICA testing project: Migration of Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons from packaging hotmelts
15 April 2021	Implementing sector use maps: Improving your supply chain communication
28 April 2021	Plastic Recycling
May (date tbc)	PU Training
June (date tbc)	Polymers Requiring Registration

All recipients of FEICA CONNECT will receive an invite and further information regarding these events. If this newsletter was forwarded to you, please write to news@feica.eu to request being added to our database.

FEICA IN 2020

At the end of last year, we created a website to showcase our work and achievements of 2020. You can click on the image below to access the site.



FEICA PUBLISHES POSITION PAPER ON THE REGISTRATION OF POLYMERS

FEICA highlights the importance of a reasonable and workable approach to the extension of registration requirements to polymers

The recently published FEICA position paper explains the perspective of the adhesives and sealants industry regarding the registration of polymers.

Polymers are currently not included in the registration requirements under Regulation (EU) No. 1907/2006 - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). However, in terms of Article 138(2) of REACH, a possible further review is foreseen to extend the registration requirements to polymers. If the risk posed by certain polymers can be proven, and practical and cost-efficient ways of selecting polymers requiring registration (PRR) can be established, registration requirements under REACH will be extended to polymers.

FEICA published the perspective of the adhesives and sealants industry in a Position Paper as several relevant parameters need to be considered regarding a proposed registration of polymers.

Please see the full Press Release here:

<https://Polymers-FEICA-Press-Release>

The FEICA position paper 'Registration of Polymers – Adhesives and Sealants Industry Perspective' is available on the FEICA public website:

<https://cutt.ly/Position-Paper-Polymers>

ASC, CATIA, and FEICA announce revisions to joint adhesives and sealants classification manual

The classification manual is intended to ensure harmonised terminology and market segmentation and is available on the FEICA public website here:

<https://cutt.ly/FEICA-ASC-CATIA>



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FEICA EUROPEAN ADHESIVES AND SEALANTS CONFERENCE AND EXPO POSTPONED TO 2022 **SAVE THE NEW DATE**

Due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic, FEICA has taken the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 FEICA European Adhesive & Sealant Conference and EXPO, which had been rescheduled to take place in Warsaw, from 15-17 September 2021.

We remain positive that the worldwide situation of the Covid-19 pandemic will reach a turning point this year and are confident that we will be able to bring everyone together again, safely, at the FEICA European Adhesives and Sealants Conference and EXPO in 2022.

The 2022 FEICA Conference and EXPO will take place in Hamburg, Germany, from 14 to 16 September 2022.

SAVE THE DATE! This event will be of great importance, not only because it will be a momentous reunion after two cancelled conferences, but it will also be a celebration of 50 years of FEICA. We expect that it will be our most memorable event to date and look forward to seeing you all once more and connect on a human level. More information about FEICA 2022 will be made available on the FEICA conference website, but in the meantime, mark your calendars!

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FEICA CONNECT, FEICA's quarterly newsletter has a very targeted readership of key industry professionals comprising adhesive & sealants producers, distributors, suppliers and service providers.

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EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY (ECHA) COMPLETES ROADMAP TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCES OF VERY HIGH CONCERN (SVHC)

As part of the SVHC 2020 Roadmap launched by the Council of the EU in 2013, all relevant, currently known substances of very high concern, have been identified and included on the Candidate List.

Following its completion, ECHA also published a [brochure](#) summarising the achievements of the SVHC 2020 Roadmap.

The goal of the SVHC Roadmap was to identify all relevant, currently known substances of very high concern (SVHCs) and include them on the Candidate List by 2020. The Candidate List now contains 211 substances.

The roadmap also aimed to efficiently identify new chemicals of concern. EU Member States and ECHA have systematically screened information on registered substances. By the end of 2020, Member States had carried out regulatory management option analysis (RMOA) on around 220 chemicals of potential concern and identified a need for further regulatory action for about 80 % of them.



FEICA UPDATES USE MAPS TO HELP IMPROVE COMMUNICATION UNDER REACH

An important part of FEICA's work is related to REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals). The fundamental aim of the REACH Regulation is to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry.

To help FEICA members and other actors in the supply chain to comply with the regulatory requirements, it developed Use Maps and related exposure packages (SWEDs, SCEDs, SpERCs) to provide information about use and use conditions, and SUMIs to provide safe use advice to end-users, to support.

Please see the FEICA website for more information here: <https://www.feica.eu/our-priorities/reach>

In January 2021, a new version of Chesar, the European Chemical Agency's (ECHA) chemical safety assessment and reporting tool, was released. Chesar 3.6 implements a set of harmonised conditions of use (CoU) for workers assessment.

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This new set of workers CoU affects the structure of the Sector-specific Worker Exposure Descriptions (SWEDs), and consequently FEICA use maps.

Therefore, updated files have been made available in [ECHA's use map library](#), and on the [FEICA website](#).

FEICA invites all Chesar users who have used these use maps in their assessments to import the updated version in Chesar 3.6 as soon as possible.

Chesar 3.6 is available for download via the [ECHA website](#).

CHESAR 3.6

CHESAR (CHEMical Safety Assessment and Reporting tool) is an application that helps companies to carry out their Chemical Safety Assessments and to prepare their Chemical Safety Reports and Exposure Scenarios for communication in the supply chain. '3.6' is the latest version of Chesar.



FEICA TO PRESENT AT CHEMICAL WATCH EVENT ON 23 MARCH 2021

'Key Regulatory Updates: Europe, Asia and the Americas 2021'

The Chemical Watch Conference, which will take place from 23 to 25 March 2021, aims to summarise the latest regulatory challenges facing those working in the safe management of chemicals. Paula Diaz, Regulatory affairs manager at FEICA, has been invited to speak at the conference on the extension of the registration requirements to polymers under the REACH Regulation. Together with a general overview of the regulatory process and expected timeline, Paula will highlight the challenges that the extended registration requirements could pose on the customisation of polymers.

In addition to the registration of polymers, other topics covered will include updates from the EU Commission and on the EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, Brexit and UK REACH and regulatory changes in Asia, United States and Latin America.

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The registration of polymers under REACH: A closer look at the impacts on the customisation of polymers

Paula Diaz

Regulatory Affairs Manager, FEICA



You can access the full programme and/or register for this online event by clicking <https://events.chemicalwatch.com/169880/key-regulatory-updates-europe-asia-and-the-americas-2021>

BREXIT: IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR INDUSTRY

Now that the BREXIT transition period has ended, it is important that companies take prompt action to ensure any remaining UK registrations not already transferred to EU-based entities are transferred as soon as possible.

By the deadline of 31 December 2020, registrants had failed to initiate a transfer of some 2,900 registration dossiers held by UK companies, representing some 20% of all registrations from the country. In addition, 268 substances that were only registered by a UK-based company had not been transferred to the EU and the corresponding registrations will be revoked. In terms of the potential market impact, it should be noted that about 60 % of these were registered only for intermediate use, meaning that they are used in the manufacture of other substances and transformed into them. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will immediately start revoking these registration dossiers.

According to ECHA, the number of UK registrations facing revocation could rise further if transfers that had been initiated by the end of the year are not accepted by the EU successor entities by 31 March 2021.

This is in line with the EU Implementing Regulation on dossier updates, which prescribes that companies need to update registration information, such as a change in legal entity, within three months.

A trade deal between the UK and the EU was agreed on 24 December 2020, one week before the end of the transition period. A chemicals annex to the deal excludes the possibility of using ECHA data for the UK REACH registration.

ECHA maintains a list of substances only registered by UK companies. This list is available as an Excel spreadsheet on ECHA's website.

Information contained in the UK registrations will stay on ECHA's website after the revocation, but the registration status will change. The spreadsheet is available on the [ECHA website](#).

Companies can get advice and further information from 'ECHA advice to companies':

<https://echa.europa.eu/advice-to-companies>

A SAFE FUTURE FOR POLYURETHANE (PU) PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN 8 LANGUAGES

On 4 August 2020, a new restriction on diisocyanates was adopted by the European authorities under REACH. The FEICA PU Restriction Technical Working Group (TWG) created the leaflet in order to provide more information for our industry regarding the restriction.

The leaflet has now been translated, from English, into German, French, Polish, Italian, Dutch, Spanish and Slovenian.

FEICA, in coordination with ISOPA and ALIPA, the diisocyanate manufacturers' industry associations, is preparing training material for use by its members and by adhesive or sealant users. We expect it to become available as of February 2022, early enough for all users of polyurethane (PU) products to be trained and certified by 24 August 2023. In addition, the legal requirements should appear on packaging as of 24 February 2022.

All the leaflets as well as more information on PU training are available under 'Our priorities' on the FEICA public website:

<https://www.feica.eu/our-priorities/safe-use-diisocyanates>

ASC ANNOUNCES NEW DATE FOR THE 10TH WORLD ADHESIVE & SEALANT CONFERENCE

WAC 2022 will take place in Chicago from 25 to 27 April 2022

The global conference is held once every four years and rotates between Asia, Europe, and North America.

FEICA and ARAC (Asia Regional Adhesive Council) are co-hosting the event.

For more information visit www.WAC2021.net.

We will announce when the 2022 website has gone live.



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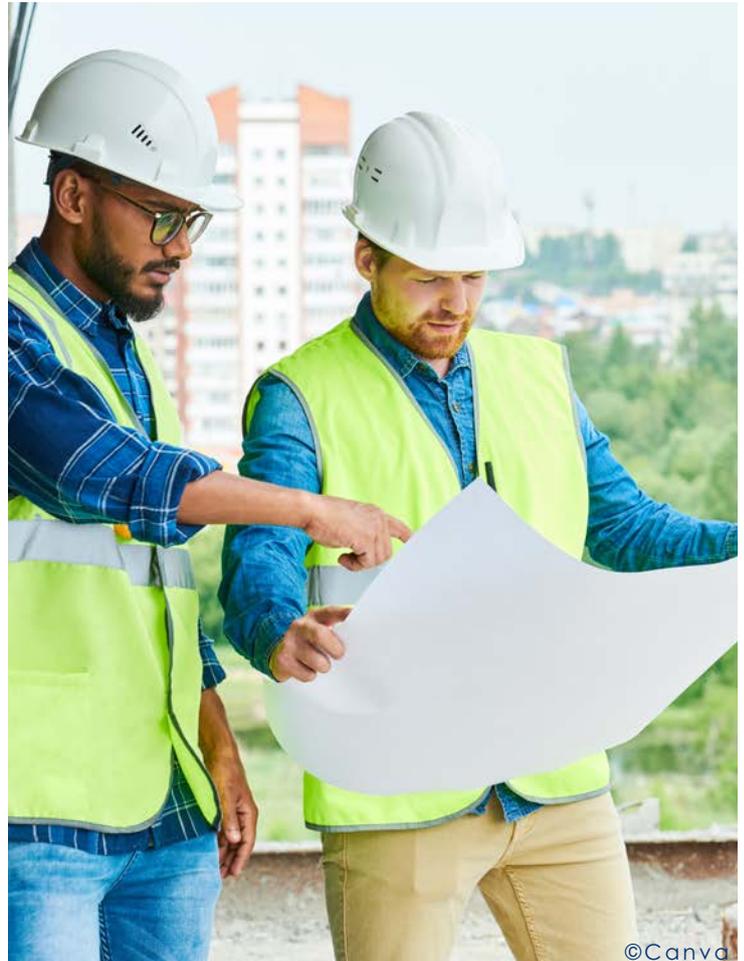
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FEICA LAUNCHES FAQ PAGE ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE

Questions you may have about our association, members or industry are now answered quickly through a list of Frequently Asked Questions:

? How can I keep up-to-date with FEICA and the industry? +

? Can I sign up to receive FEICA newsletters? +

? Who are the FEICA members and how can I become a member? +

? What are FEICA's priorities and what are the benefits of membership? +

? How can I contribute to the industry? +

? Which organisations does FEICA partner with? +

? How can I promote my organisation and its products / services to the industry? +

? Can you provide me with the contact details of your members? +

About the adhesive and sealant industry

? Where are adhesives and sealants used? +

? What types of technologies are adhesives and sealants based on? +

? Where can I find more detailed information about the size, trends, etc., of the adhesives and sealants market in Europe? +

? Where can I learn about adhesion and bonding courses? +

? How does the adhesive and sealant industry contribute to the circular economy? +

About adhesive and sealant products

? I am looking for an adhesive / sealant with specific properties / for a specific application. Can you help me? +

? My organisation has developed a product / service that may be of interest to your members. How can I make them aware of the product / service? +

FEICA CONTRACTS EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT

FEICA has contracted specialised communication support. Ina Suffeleers has held various positions in Corporate Communications and Marketing, where she managed global projects. As part of our Communications team, she will develop and implement communications campaigns, produce and disseminate materials for various audiences, and ensure their alignment with the communications priorities of our members. I hope you will join us in welcoming Ina to the FEICA team.

This month we also say farewell to Vicky Chatzivasileiou, who will explore new possibilities in her career. Vicky was the Communications Officer at FEICA for one and a half years. We wish her much success in all her future endeavours.



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FEICA MEMBER PORTRAITS

Five fascinating facts!

In every issue of CONNECT, we will introduce at least three members of FEICA. They will share, in their own words, interesting insights into their company in 'five fascinating facts'.

In this issue, we present Eastman, Imerys and H.B. Fuller.

FEICA MEMBERSHIP

15 National Associations representing 16 Countries +800 members



24 Direct Company Members



19 Affiliate Company Members



MEMBER PORTRAIT

Content by Eastman

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- 1. Innovation:** Eastman supplies a broad spectrum of key components for the adhesives industry. With our material expertise, global manufacturing sites, and extensive sales, marketing and technology support network, we provide our customers with a wealth of formulating and innovation options.
 - 2. Sustainability:** We focus on all aspects of sustainability, from consumer health and safety to solutions for the circular economy. The Wall Street Journal named Eastman one of the 100 most sustainably managed companies in the world. We support the Paris Agreement and are committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.
 - 3. Global:** We are a global company with a strong European presence. We tailor our service offerings based on the needs of our customers, and keep pace with their demand and changes. Reliability of local supply and product quality are cornerstones of our business.
 - 4. Value Chain:** Collaborative innovation throughout the value chain is crucial to success for both our customers and Eastman. We are a resource for customers, helping them achieve their goals. We have made a commitment to be a solutions provider to the market.
 - 5. People:** We are a specialty materials company, but more than that, we're a people company. Our people drive innovation to continually solve the world's most critical problems. It's why we continuously invest in our creative talent, manufacturing processes, and research and development capabilities to remain a cutting-edge innovation partner.
- Being a FEICA member creates great networking and provides a common platform where challenges and issues can be raised and addressed at the industry level. FEICA creates one voice to address governmental/nongovernmental organisations and ensure the needs and interests of the adhesives and sealants industry are fairly represented.

MEMBER PORTRAIT

Content by Imerys



- 1. Transforming performance of adhesives and sealants:** Imerys leads the field in the development of minerals for the Adhesives and Sealants industries and proposes unique mineral solutions for reactive adhesives & sealants, plastisols and water-based adhesive applications.
- 2. Full portfolio of mineral solutions:** Imerys is your one-stop-shop mineral solutions supplier, offering amongst many minerals its premium quality precipitated calcium carbonate, ground calcium carbonate, kaolin, talc, wollastonite, and speciality conductive carbon black. Our broad portfolio addresses the needs of industrial, building and construction, transportation, and packaging markets.
- 3. Technical Expertise:** Established in 1880, Imerys' extensive experience, knowledgeable technical support, R&D, and sales teams will help you find the appropriate solution for your needs. Our dedicated laboratories located in Par Moor, UK and Salin de Giraud, France work in close collaboration with customers to develop ground-breaking solutions for a wide variety of applications.
- 4. Sustainability:** At Imerys, we take our commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) seriously, not just because it is the right thing to do, but because it is central to our business growth and transformation. It also helps us contribute to sustainable development in the places where we work. We are honored to have been awarded the EcoVadis Platinum medal – the highest possible rating – for environmental and social performance, placing the Group in the top 1% of the more than 65,000 companies assessed.
- 5. FEICA membership:** FEICA membership allows Imerys to stay up-to-date on industry trends and regulations and network with other adhesive and sealant professionals by attending regular meetings and work-groups. We always participate in the FEICA conference, which allows us to share our latest innovations with the market and collaboratively build solutions with our customers.



1. Global reach, local expertise. Our founder, Harvey Benjamin Fuller had a vision more than a century ago to formulate innovative, convenient and economical adhesives. From a one-man wallpaper paste shop in Minnesota, U.S., in 1887, H.B. Fuller has grown into a \$3 billion adhesives global leader today with more than 6,000 employees and a direct presence in 36 countries, spanning a network of 73 manufacturing sites and 38 technology centers.

2. Connecting what matters. Our focus on innovation brings together people, products and processes that answer and solve some of the world's biggest adhesion challenges. Our teams are passionate in innovation, world-class support, and adding value for our customers. We enjoy solving our customers problems across the many market segments we serve, from electronics, disposable hygiene, health and beauty, transportation, aerospace, clean energy, packaging, construction, woodworking, to general industries and other consumer businesses.

3. Respect for the environment. Recognised as a sustainable partner, we are striving to contribute to the Circular Economy, by offering high-performance adhesive solutions combined with a reduced operational footprint. The latest sustainability results achieved by the teams in EIMEA, driven by manufacturing sites such as Lüneburg, Cairo, Pune, and Pianezze put us in a strong position to meet our 2025 global goals - Energy, GHG, Waste, and Water. Other examples of where we are applying problem-solving to make sustainability happen in a smarter, faster and lighter way span from fit-to-purpose packaging with less waste, paper straws to avoid single-use plastic, green construction for minimal energy consumption, wash-off labels for enhanced recyclability and thinner disposable hygiene products for less environment impact.

4. Supporting people where we live and work. We have a long history of valuing our employees' experiences and connections to the communities where they live and work. In 2019, we donated around \$1.3 million and have increased the number of volunteer hours, reaching out to 286 non-profit organizations across 24 countries. Employee-led initiatives, coupled with the H.B. Fuller Foundation, consistently provide resources to support our communities causes in strategic areas like STEM Education, Youth Leadership Development and Racial Equity. Most recently, and despite the pandemic, our Make a Difference program encompassed 40 volunteering projects driven by nearly 900 employees across the globe, impacting thousands of lives.

5. Advantage of being a FEICA member. We are pleased to be part of FEICA's journey for many years now, by actively participating in many of its Boards and Groups. H.B. Fuller believes in the power of collaboration for driving positive change in the industry we operate and society at large, with associations playing a critical role in bringing closer the full business ecosystem. FEICA is no exception and we greatly value its efforts to echo one trusted voice for the industry, build a platform to share best practices and regulatory, aggregate different players around a common EU agenda for development and sustainability, and push for meaningful professional network.

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