

Statement on the ECHA Investigation Report on “PVC and PVC Additives”

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On November 28, 2023, ECHA, the European Chemicals Agency published the Investigation Report on “PVC and PVC Additives”¹. In this report, “ECHA collected, as requested by the European Commission, information on the potential risks of PVC additives and PVC itself to human health and the environment. It also considered possible alternatives and assessed the societal impacts of potential risk management measures.” We received this report through the ECHA website, and we will analyse it in detail.

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Since the start of the report development, Evonik Oxeno has constructively worked via the industry associations European Plasticisers and VinylPlus Europe to provide relevant and robust scientific data on plasticizers to ECHA. We strongly believe that hazard and risk assessment of chemicals and regulatory actions should be science-based and data-driven.

The published report does not immediately trigger a restriction process for certain plasticisers, but identifies areas of concern, also targeting ortho-phthalates. Future restrictions as a result of the ECHA Investigation Report require a formal Annex XV restriction dossier including public consultation.

Evonik Oxeno supports the position of European Plasticisers and VinylPlus Europe towards the Investigation report and questions the risks identified by ECHA for some ortho-phthalates, including DINP. We will closely work with the value chain and engage with EU and national decision-makers to address ECHA’s understanding of plasticisers and their disputable concerns in the report.

As we feel the need to inform our customers and the whole plasticizers downstream market about this development, we reassure the following:

¹ <https://echa.europa.eu/nl/-/echa-identifies-risks-from-pvc-additives-and-microparticle-releases>

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- DINP is not classified as a hazardous substance in any national chemical legislation.
- DINP is safe to be used in its current applications including inter alia flooring, wall covering, cables, automotive, roofing and food contact materials except for toys and childcare products that can be put into the mouth.
- We will continue to work closely within the respective industry associations to provide additional scientific data in case of any future regulatory process.

DINP has a long-lasting reputation as a safe general-purpose plasticizer. This has been proven again recently by the consensual decision of the European Risk Assessment Committee in 2018, that concluded no classification of DINP is warranted.

We continue to support the market and its numerous applications of plasticizers in everyday life products with compliant, safe, and cost-effective products.

With best regards,



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