

BfR criteria for the selection of candidate substances for the authorisation procedure under REACH

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The aim of the authorisation procedure according to the REACH Regulation (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) is to control substances of very high concern (SVHC), and to substitute them with less dangerous substances in the future. SVHC proposals are submitted by EU member states to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Substances identified as SVHC are published in a list of candidates for authorisation. Following inclusion into the candidate list, manufacturers and downstream users have to pass information on these substances along the supply chain. This comprises the consumer's right to be informed by the retailer on request. If substances published in the candidate list are hazardous to the environment, manufactured in large amounts or have wide-spread dispersive use, they can be added to the List of Substances Subject to Authorisation (Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation). For these substances, applications for authorisation need to be made by the industry after a transitional period. In Germany, proposals for the candidate list are compiled by the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), The Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

The following information provides details on the criteria used by BfR to identify substances of very high concern.

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