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Helsinki, 17 November 2022

Addressees
Registrant(s) of JS_CAS_157577-99-6 as listed in Appendix 3 of this decision

Date of submission of the dossier subject to this decision
14/06/2021

Registered substance subject to this decision ("the Substance")
Substance name: Disodium; 4-Amino-3-{4-[4-(2,4-diamino-phenylazo)-benzenesulfonylamino]-phenylazo}-5-hydroxy-6-phenylazo-naphthalene-2,7-disulfonate
EC/List number: 605-104-5

Decision number: Please refer to the REACH-IT message which delivered this communication (in format TPE-D-XXXXXXXXXX-XX-XX/F)

DECISION ON TESTING PROPOSAL(S)

Based on Article 40 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), you must submit the information listed below by ***23 February 2026***.

Requested information must be generated using the Substance unless otherwise specified.

Information required from all the Registrants subject to Annex VII of REACH

1. In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay or In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay combined with in vivo mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test also requested below (triggered by Annex VII, Section 8.4., column 2)

Information required from all the Registrants subject to Annex VIII of REACH

2. In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay or In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay combined with in vivo mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test also requested below (triggered by Annex VIII, Section 8.4., column 2)

Information required from all the Registrants subject to Annex IX of REACH

3. In vivo genotoxicity study (triggered by Annex IX, Section 8.4., column 2) to be selected according to the following scenarios:

    a. If the test results of request for in vitro cytogenicity (request in a parallel compliance check decision for this registration dossier, notified to you on 3 October 2022) are negative: In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay (test method: OECD TG 489) in rats, or if justified, in other rodent species, oral route, on the following tissues: liver, glandular stomach and duodenum.

    b. If the test results of request for in vitro cytogenicity are positive: In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay (test method: OECD TG 489) combined with in vivo mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (test method: OECD TG 474) in rats, or if justified, in other rodent species, oral route. For the In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay the following tissues shall be analysed: liver, glandular stomach and duodenum.

The reasons for the decisions are explained in Appendix 1.

Information required depends on your tonnage band

You must provide the information listed above for all REACH Annexes applicable to you in accordance with Articles 10(a) and 12(1) of REACH. The addressees of the decision and their corresponding information requirements based on registered tonnage band are listed in Appendix 3.

In the requests above, the same study has been requested under different Annexes. This is because some information requirements may be triggered at lower tonnage band(s). In such cases, only the reasons why the information requirement is triggered are provided for the lower tonnage band(s). For the highest tonnage band, the reasons why the standard information requirement is not met and the specification of the study design are provided. Only one study is to be conducted; all registrants concerned must make every effort to reach an agreement as to who is to carry out the study on behalf of the others under Article 53 of REACH.

You are only required to share the costs of information that you must submit to fulfil your information requirements.

How to comply with your information requirements

To comply with your information requirements, you must submit the information requested by this decision in an updated registration dossier by the deadline indicated above. You must also **update the chemical safety report, where** relevant, including any changes to classification and labelling, based on the newly generated information.

You must follow the general requirements for testing and reporting new tests under REACH, see Appendix 4.

Appeal

This decision, when adopted under Article 51 of REACH, may be appealed to the Board of Appeal of ECHA within three months of its notification to you. Please refer to http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/appeals for further information.

Failure to comply

If you do not comply with the information required by this decision by the deadline indicated above, ECHA will notify the enforcement authorities of your Member State.

Authorised[1] under the authority of Mike RASENBERG, Director of Hazard Assessment

Appendix 1: Reasons for the decision
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[1] As this is an electronic document, it is not physically signed. This communication has been approved according to ECHA's internal decision-approval process.

Appendix 1: Reasons for the decision

Contents

Reasons for the decision related to the information under Annex VII of REACH

1. In vivo genetic toxicity study

1 Further mutagenicity studies must be considered under Annex VII to REACH in case of a positive result in an in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria (Section 8.4., Column 2).

2 Your dossier contains positive results for the in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria which raise the concern for gene mutation that must be investigated.

3 The examination of the information provided, as well as the selection of the requested test and the test design are addressed under request 3.

Reasons for the decision(s) related to the information under Annex VIII of REACH

2. In vivo genetic toxicity study

4 Further mutagenicity studies must be considered under Annex VII to REACH in case of a positive result in an in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria (Section 8.4., Column 2).

5 Your dossier contains positive results for the in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria which raise the concern for gene mutation that must be investigated.

6 The examination of the information provided, as well as the selection of the requested test and the test design are addressed under request 3.

Reasons for the decision(s) related to the information under Annex IX of REACH

3. In vivo genetic toxicity study

7 Appropriate in vivo mutagenicity studies must be considered under Annex VIII to REACH (Section 8.4., Column 2) in case of a positive result in any of the in vitro genotoxicity studies under Annex VII or VIII to REACH.

3.1. Triggering of in vivo mutagenicity studies

8 As already explained under Request 1, your dossier contains positive results for the in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria which raise the concern for gene mutation that must be investigated.

3.2. Information provided to fulfil the information requirement

9 You have submitted a testing proposal for an In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay (OECD 489) to be performed with the Substance.

10 ECHA requested your considerations for alternative methods to fulfil the information requirement for Genetic toxicity in vivo. You provided your considerations concluding that there were no alternative methods which could be used to adapt the information requirement for which testing is proposed. ECHA has taken these considerations into account.

11 ECHA agrees that an appropriate in vivo follow up genotoxicity study is necessary to address the concern identified in vitro.

3.3. Test selection

12 The positive in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria available in the dossier indicates a concern for gene mutation.

13 According to the Guidance on IRs & CSA, Section R.7.7.6.3, the comet assay (OECD TG 489) is suitable to follow up the concern for gene mutation raised by the positive in vitro gene mutation study in bacteria (Annex VII, Section 8.4., column 2). Therefore, the comet assay is an appropriate follow up test for the Substance.

14 A request for an in vitro cytogenicity study is made in a separate compliance check draft decision for this registration dossier. The in vitro cytogenicity study may raise a concern for chromosomal aberration in case of positive results. If the test results of requested in vitro cytogenicity are positive, you must combine the comet assay and the *in vivo* mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test ("MN test", OECD TG 474) into a single study (see OECD TG 474 para. 37c; OECD TG 489 para. 33; Guidance on IRs & CSA, Section R.7.7.6.3). While the MN test can detect both structural chromosomal aberrations (clastogenicity) and numerical chromosomal aberrations (aneuploidy), the comet assay can detect primary DNA damage that may lead to gene mutations and/or structural chromosomal aberrations. A combined study will thus address both the identified concerns for chromosomal aberration as well as gene mutation.

15 The combined study, together with the results of the in vitro mutagenicity studies, can be used to make definitive conclusions about the mechanism(s) inducing in vivo mutagenicity and lack thereof. Furthermore, the combined study can help reduce the number of tests performed and the number of animals used while addressing (structural and numerical) chromosomal aberrations as well as gene mutations.

16 Therefore**,** if the test results of request for in vitro cytogenicity are positive, the comet assay combined with the MN test is the most appropriate study for the Substance.

3.4. Specification of the study design

17 According to the test method OECD TG 489, rats are the preferred species. Other rodent species can be used if scientifically justified. According to the test method OECD TG 474, the test may be performed in mice or rats. Therefore, the combined study must be performed in rats, or if justified, in mice.

18 Having considered the anticipated routes of human exposure and adequate exposure of the target tissue(s) performance of the test by the oral route is appropriate.

19 In line with the test method OECD TG 489, the test must be performed by analysing tissues from liver as primary site of xenobiotic metabolism, glandular stomach and duodenum as sites of contact. There are several expected or possible variables between the glandular stomach and the duodenum (different tissue structure and function, different pH conditions, variable physico-chemical properties and fate of the Substance, and probable different local absorption rates of the Substance and its possible breakdown product(s)). In light of these expected or possible variables, it is necessary to analyse both tissues to ensure a sufficient evaluation of the potential for genotoxicity at the site of contact in the gastro-intestinal tract.

20 The combination of OECD TGs 489 and 474 should not impair the validity of and the results from each individual study. Careful consideration should be given to the dosing, and tissue sampling for the comet analysis alongside the requirements of tissue sampling for the mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (see OECD TG 489, e.g., Bowen et al. 2011[2]).

3.4.1. Germ cells

21 You may consider collecting the male gonadal cells from the seminiferous tubules in addition to the other aforementioned tissues in the comet assay, as it would optimise the use of animals. You can prepare the slides for male gonadal cells and store them for up to 2 months, at room temperature, in dry conditions and protected from light. Following the generation and analysis of data on somatic cells in the comet assay, you should consider analysing the slides prepared with gonadal cells. This type of evidence may be relevant for the overall assessment of possible germ cell mutagenicity including classification and labelling according to the CLP Regulation.

3.5. Outcome

22 Under Article 40(3)(b) your testing proposal is accepted under modified conditions and you are requested to conduct the test with the Substance, as specified above.

[2] Bowen DE et al. (2011) Evaluation of a multi-endpoint assay in rats, combining the bone-marrow micronucleus test, the comet assay and the flow-cytometric peripheral blood micronucleus test. *Muta Res.*;722:7–19.

References

The following documents may have been cited in the decision.

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment (Guidance on IRs & CSA)

Chapter R.4 Evaluation of available information; ECHA (2011).
Chapter R.6 QSARs, read-across and grouping; ECHA (2008).
Appendix to Chapter R.6 for nanoforms; ECHA (2019).
Chapter R.7a Endpoint specific guidance, Sections R.7.1 – R.7.7; ECHA (2017).
Appendix to Chapter R.7a for nanomaterials; ECHA (2017).
Chapter R.7b Endpoint specific guidance, Sections R.7.8 – R.7.9; ECHA (2017).
Appendix to Chapter R.7b for nanomaterials; ECHA (2017).
Chapter R.7c Endpoint specific guidance, Sections R.7.10 – R.7.13; (ECHA 2017).
Appendix to Chapter R.7a for nanomaterials; ECHA (2017).
Appendix R.7.13-2 Environmental risk assessment for metals and metal compounds; ECHA (2008).
Chapter R.11 PBT/vPvB assessment; ECHA (2017).
Chapter R.16 Environmental exposure assessment; ECHA (2016).

Guidance on data-sharing; ECHA (2017).

All Guidance on REACH is available online: https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-reach

Read-across assessment framework (RAAF)

RAAF, 2017 Read-across assessment framework (RAAF), ECHA (2017)
RAAF UVCB, 2017 Read-across assessment framework (RAAF) – considerations on multi- constituent substances and UVCBs), ECHA (2017).

The RAAF and related documents are available online:
https://echa.europa.eu/support/registration/how-to-avoid-unnecessary-testing-on-animals/grouping-of-substances-and-read-across

***OECD Guidance documents* (OECD GDs)**

OECD GD 23 Guidance document on aquatic toxicity testing of difficult substances and mixtures; No. 23 in the OECD series on testing and assessment, OECD (2019).
OECD GD 29 Guidance document on transformation/dissolution of metals and metal compounds in aqueous media; No. 29 in the OECD series on testing and assessment, OECD (2002).
OECD GD 150 Revised guidance document 150 on standardised test guidelines for evaluating chemicals for endocrine disruption; No. 150 in the OECD series on testing and assessment, OECD (2018).
OECD GD 151 Guidance document supporting OECD test guideline 443 on the extended one-generation reproductive toxicity test; No. 151 in the OECD series on testing and assessment, OECD (2013).

Appendix 2: Procedure

ECHA started the testing proposal evaluation in accordance with Article 40(1) on 24 June 2021.

ECHA held a third party consultation for the testing proposal(s) from 26 August 2021 until 11 October 2021. ECHA did not receive information from third parties.

ECHA followed the procedure detailed in Articles 50 and 51 of REACH.

ECHA notified you of the draft decision and invited you to provide comments.

ECHA did not receive any comments within the commenting period.

ECHA notified the draft decision to the competent authorities of the Member States for proposals for amendment.

As no amendments were proposed, ECHA adopted the decision under Article 51(3) of REACH.

The deadline of the decision is set based on standard practice for carrying out OECD TG tests. It has been exceptionally extended by 12 months from the standard deadline granted by ECHA to take into account currently longer lead times in contract research organisations.

Appendix 3: Addressees of this decision and their corresponding information requirements

In accordance with Articles 10(a) and 12(1) of REACH, the information requirements for individual registrations are defined as follows:

- the information specified in Annex VII to REACH, for registration at 1-10 tonnes per year (tpa), or as a transported isolated intermediate in quantity above 1000 tpa;
- the information specified in Annexes VII and VIII to REACH, for registration at 10-100 tpa;
- the information specified in Annexes VII, VIII and IX to REACH, for registration at 100-1000 tpa.

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Where applicable, the name of a third party representative (TPR) may be displayed in the list of recipients whereas ECHA will send the decision to the actual registrant.

Appendix 4: Conducting and reporting new tests for REACH purposes

1. Requirements when conducting and reporting new tests for REACH purposes

1.1. Test methods, GLP requirements and reporting

(1) Under Article 13(3) of REACH, all new data generated as a result of this decision must be conducted according to the test methods laid down in a European Commission Regulation or to international test methods recognised by the Commission or ECHA as being appropriate.

(2) Under Article 13(4) of REACH, ecotoxicological and toxicological tests and analyses must be carried out according to the GLP principles (Directive 2004/10/EC) or other international standards recognised by the Commission or ECHA.

(3) Under Article 10(a)(vi) and (vii) of REACH, all new data generated as a result of this decision must be reported as study summaries, or as robust study summaries, if required under Annex I of REACH. See ECHA Practical Guide on How to report robust study summaries[3].

1.2. Test material

Before generating new data, you must agree within the joint submission on the chemical composition of the material to be tested (Test Material) which must be relevant for all the registrants of the Substance.

(1) Selection of the Test material(s)
The Test Material used to generate the new data must be selected taking into account the following:
- the variation in compositions reported by all members of the joint submission,
- the boundary composition(s) of the Substance,
- the impact of each constituent/ impurity on the test results for the endpoint to be assessed. For example, if a constituent/ impurity of the Substance is known to have an impact on (eco)toxicity, the selected Test Material must contain that constituent/ impurity.

(2) Information on the Test Material needed in the updated dossier
- You must report the composition of the Test Material selected for each study, under the "Test material information" section, for each respective endpoint study record in IUCLID.
- The reported composition must include all constituents of each Test Material and their concentration values and other parameters relevant for the property to be tested.

This information is needed to assess whether the Test Material is relevant for the Substance and whether it is suitable for use by all members of the joint submission.

Technical instructions on how to report the above is available in the manual on How to prepare registration and PPORD dossiers[4].

[3] https://echa.europa.eu/practical-guides
[4] https://echa.europa.eu/manuals