

# SCIP IT user group

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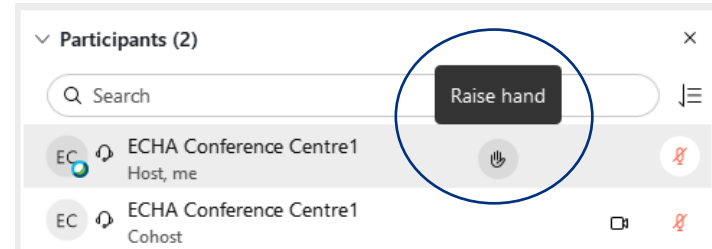
# Opening remarks

## → Practicalities

- For the floor, raise your hand

- Use the **Chat**:

- Questions and comments related with the topic of the presentation.
- To: all panellists



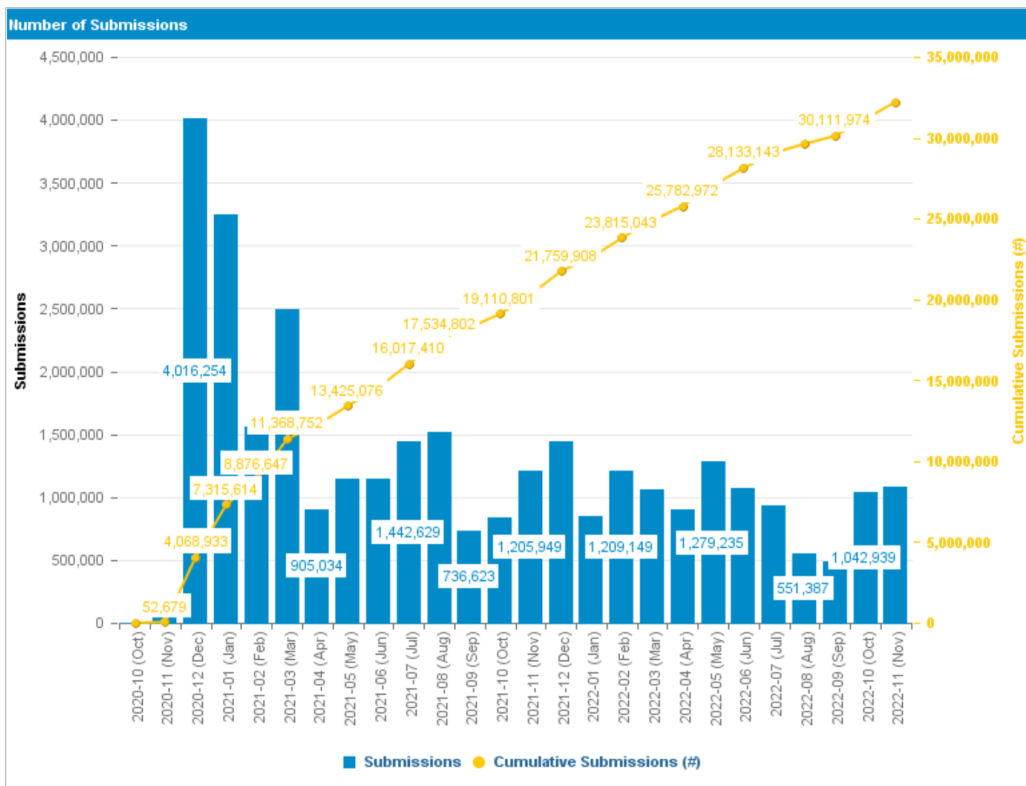
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- IT tools State of play and 2023 plans
- Simplified SCIP notifications
- Catalogue of borderline cases of substances in articles assessments
- Additional comments from participants
- Next SCIP events

# IT tools state of play & 2023 plans

# SCIP Figures



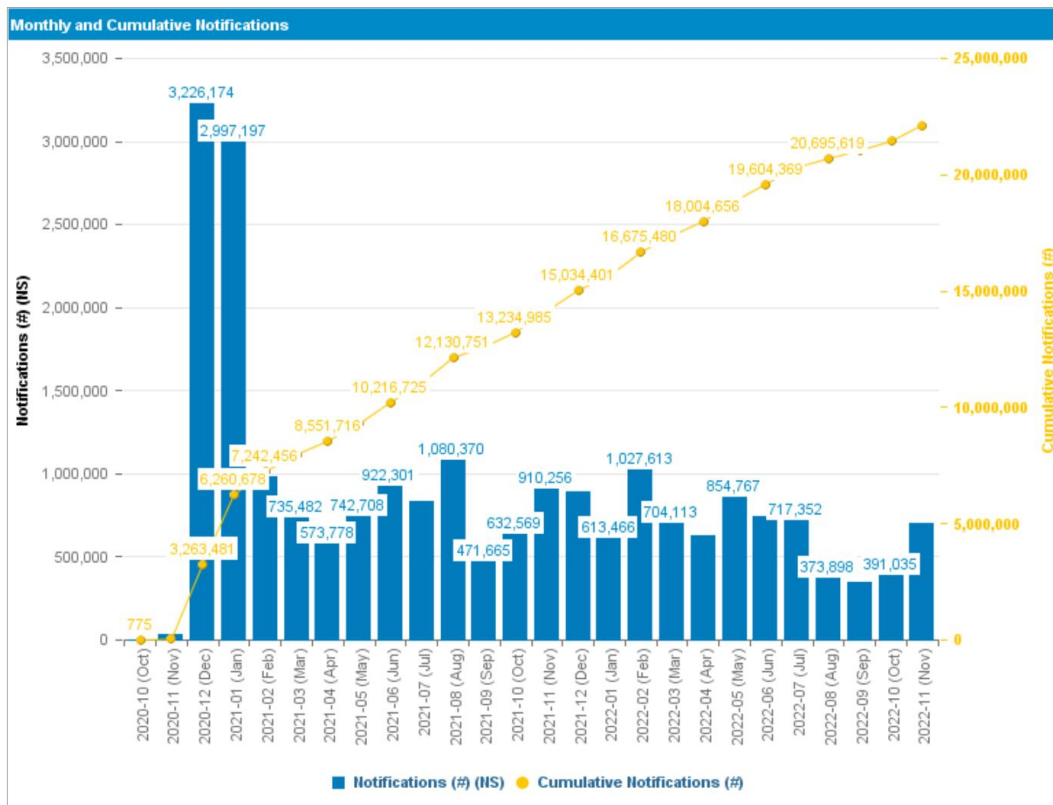
Period 26/Oct/2020 to 28/Nov/2022

Number of submissions (volumes)

32 mill

Cumulative number of submissions

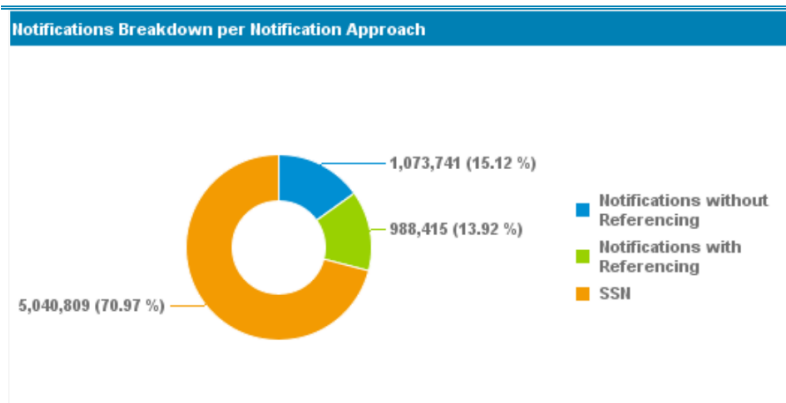
# SCIP Figures



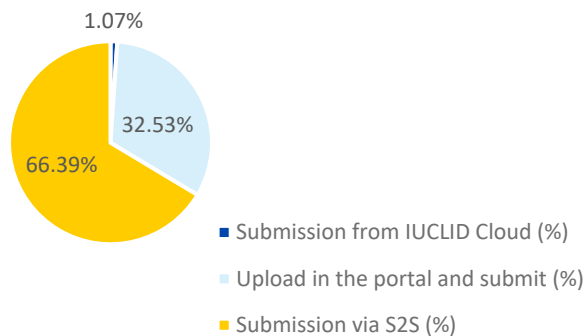
Number of notifications  
(1 SCIP number=notification)

22 mill  
Cumulative number of  
notifications

# SCIP Figures



Notification approach



Submission channel

# ECHA submission portal & Data submission



# ECHA Submission portal

Released in summer 2022

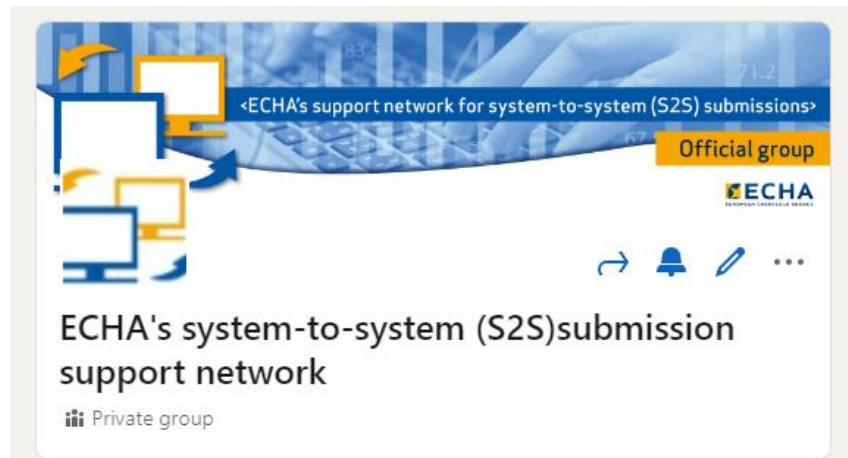
- New function to support SSN bulk submitters to avoid submissions of duplicate SCIP numbers
- New permission - Submission Portal Manager Restricted - to allow companies to increase confidentiality for SCIP notifiers by restricted users access (e.g only to see own submissions)

Released in Nov-2022

- Possibility to receiving SCIP notifications from EEA countries (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway)

# System 2 System (S2S) update

- v4 released in July-2022
- At the moment we don't foresee a v5, however, should the need arise, we will communicate in advance
- To stay up to date around S2S join our [LinkedIn group](#) / [subscribe to our S2S news](#)

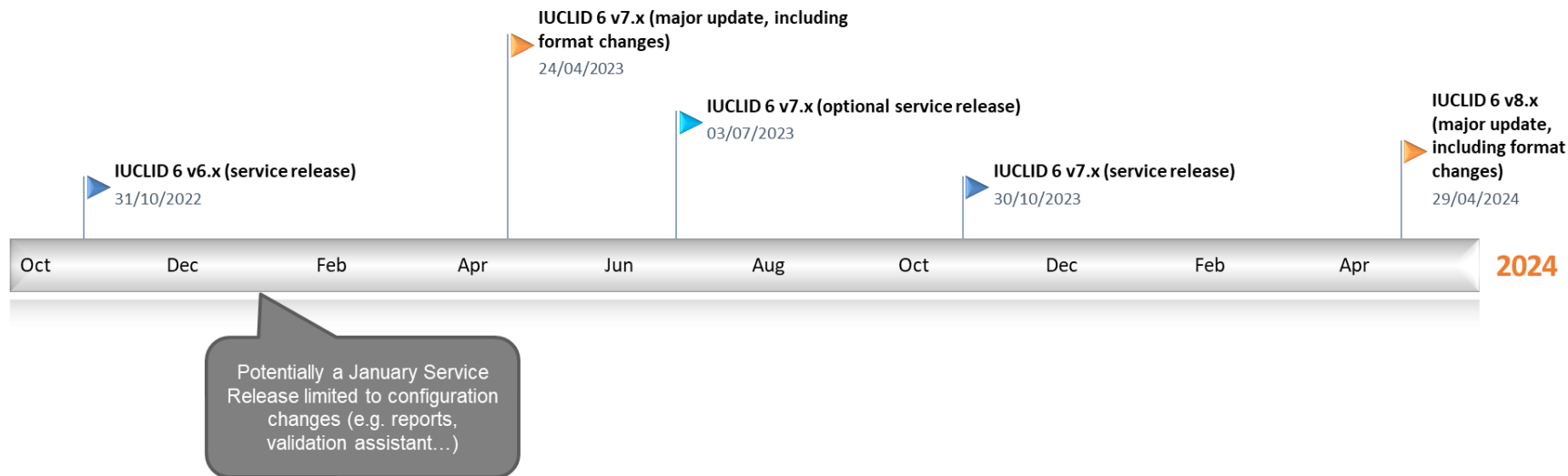


# IUCLID & data preparation

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## → Release plan



# IUCLID & data preparation



- Minor changes planned for April 2023
  - Update of EU PCS list (Material category list)
  - Update of the “Article category” picklist
    - Based on the January update of each year of the TARIC database, by the European Commission (DG TAXUD), in CIRCABC
    - Many codes will become obsolete to avoid SCIP submissions with article categories of items that aren't articles
  
- Technical update (XML validation)
  - Documents creation date to be made mandatory

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<xs:element ref="pm:creationDate" minOccurs="1" />
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# IUCLID & data preparation



- Documentation of the format will be available on the ECHA and IUCLID websites
  - For now: consultation on the harmonised parts
  - December: draft format information package
  
- Test version with new format to be shared early 2023

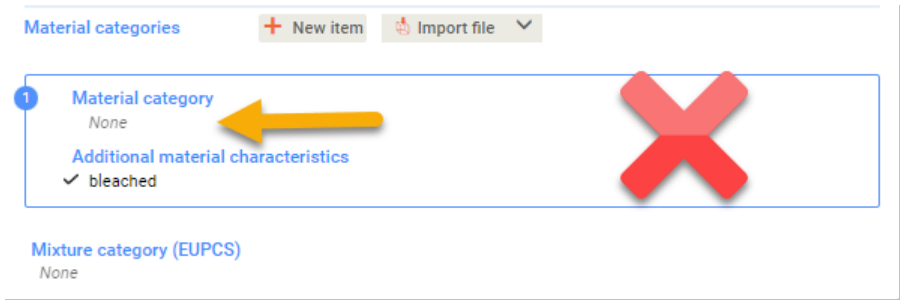
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<https://echa.europa.eu/scip-format>

## Validation rules update

### Planned improvements for April 2023:

**BR734 \*new\*** If 'Additional material characteristics' are included then 'Material category' should be included as well.



Material categories + New item Import file

1 Material category  
None

Additional material characteristics  
✓ bleached

Mixture category (EUPCS)  
None

If you are using this type of reporting you need to resubmit!!!

## Validation rules update

**QLT735 \*new\*** If in 'Other article identifiers' 'Type' is selected to be *other:* then it must be explained in the adjacent field.

**QLT736 \*new\*** If in 'Material category' is selected to be *other:* then it must be explained in the adjacent field.

**QLT737 \*new\*** If in 'Additional material characteristics' is selected to be *other:* then it must be explained in the adjacent field.

Other article identifiers + New item Import file

#	Type	Value
1	other:	x

1 Candidate list substance  
Formaldehyde

Concentration range  
None

Material categories + New item Import file

1 Material category ^ ^

Please search and select...

- OR -

other: x v

Other press Esc to close

Additional material characteristics

other:



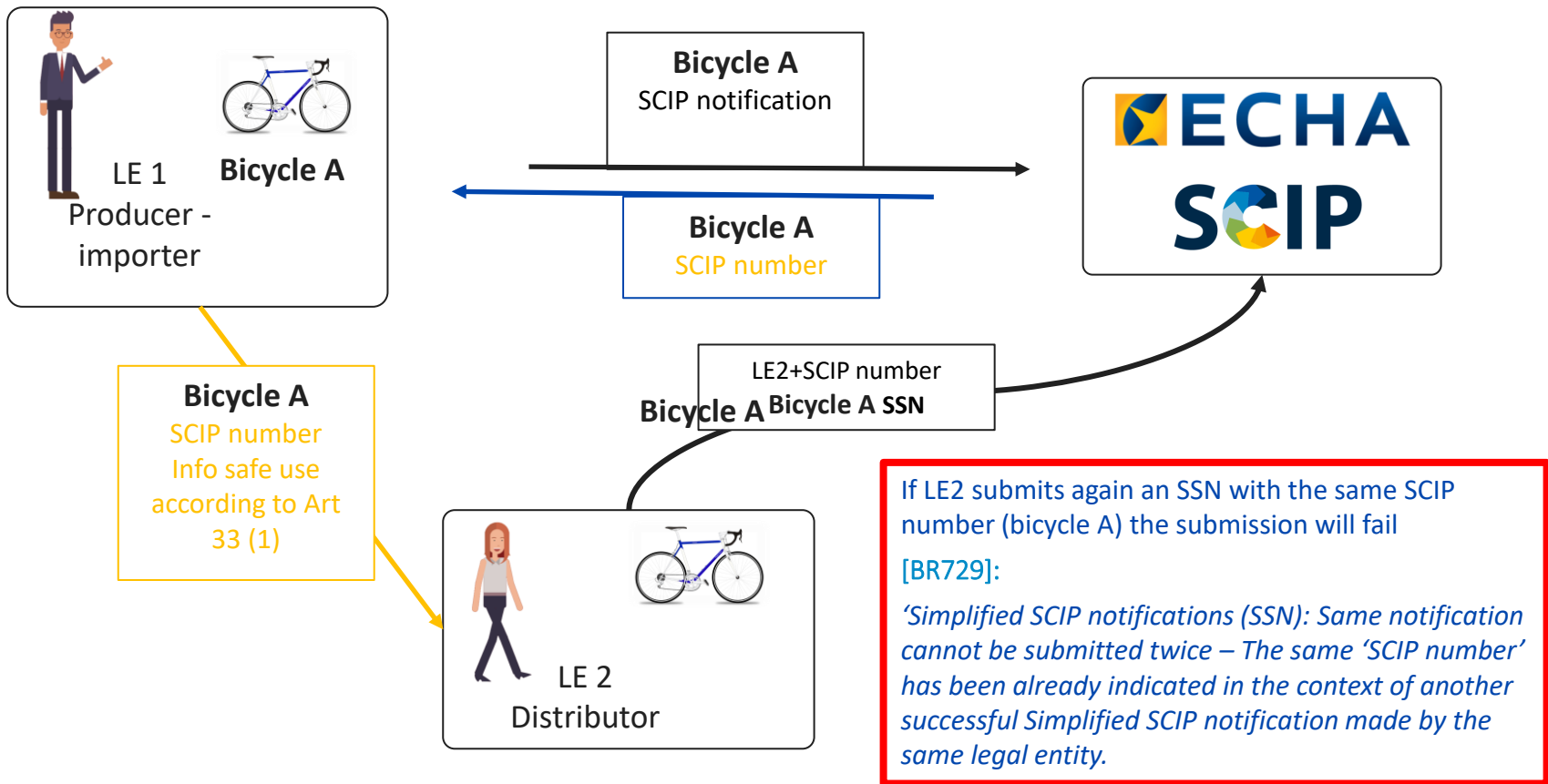
**Making data available**

## Making data available

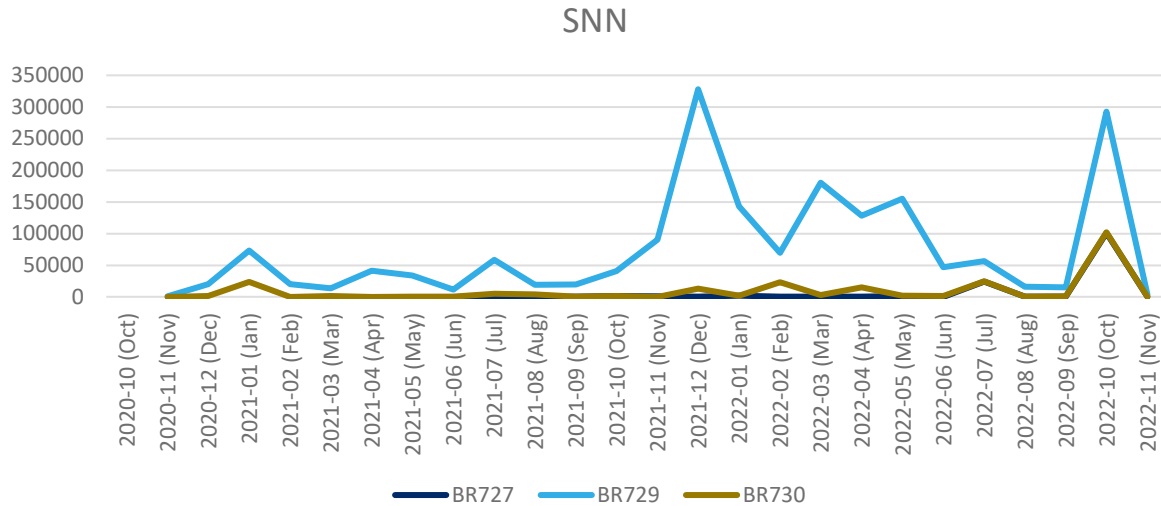
- Improvements in the stability/ performance of the system
- Searches using identifiers included in submissions that have been updated will not provide results

# Simplified SCIP notification

# Simplified SCIP notification (SSN)



# SCIP fail submissions related with SSN



Unnecessary load on the system

- Some S2S companies keep submitting high failure volumes in the year.
- Some actors using bulk SSN submissions with excels create high failure volumes.

# SSN failures - Main reasons

- Same LE submits the same SCIP number twice
- SSN notification in bulk includes redundant data (SCIP numbers already notified (BR729), as well as invalid SCIP numbers)
- Causes knock-on issues downstream e.g. BR727 failures – (a (valid) SCIP No does not exist) e.g.:
  - BR729 failures - Same LE + same SCIP No -> fail
    - Upstream supplier exports ALL submissions to xls indiscriminately i.e. including failures and then supplies it downstream
  - BR727 failures - Downstream user attempts bulk SSN with supplied xls
    - BR727 failures – (a (valid) SCIP No does not exist) – caused by upstream party exporting whole portfolio indiscriminately (i.e. including fails)

# How to share data – review your strategy

Search criteria ▾ Export to Excel

Submission number  Submission status All submission status  
All submission status  
Pending  
Succeeded  
Failed

Dossier type SCIP notification Submission date

Dossier UUID

SCIP number  Notification type Initial  
All notification types  
Initial  
Update

Primary identifier  I am looking for

Names

Search Clear

✓ Review before submitting if you have already submitted an SSN for a SCIP number

- ✓ Review the excel to be used for SSN notifications in bulk:
- Before sharing with your customers: Ensure it does not include duplicate rows related to the same SCIP number or any failures
  - Review your previous SSN submission (extract a list of your **Successful SSN submissions** and compare them with the new excel you are planning to use)



Special attention if submitting SSN for many LEs in one step

Reference number	Names	Identifiers	Identifiers	Dossier UUID	Dossier type	Submittor	Submission status	Submission date	Submission type
fc1b8912-e06f-401d-ae3b-ff7ed88a7112	Test T1 12345678	batch num	23568746465	1e0a1c52-9e6d-41ec-8	SCIP notification	RMH0510C	succeeded	18/08/2022	initial
c69a3292-cfda-4a45-9b42-54188a03e2b5	Test T2 98765432	batch num	28049999	aba1f07f-65c7-4366-bc	SCIP notification	RMH96283	succeeded	28/06/2022	initial
bfe6c07a-c141-4b5c-85bf-c7afe6ff450	Test T2a 8585858	batch num	456456456	f90c6f44-220f-4920-b5	SCIP notification	RMH75823	failed	26/09/2022	initial
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# Catalogue of borderline cases of substances in articles assessments



# Borderline Working Group - background



- established in March 2021
- under HelpNet Steering Group
- Purpose:
  - ✓ Discuss difficult questions received by NHDs and ECHA on substances in articles
  - ✓ Coherent application of the principles in the [Guidance on substance in articles](#)
  - ✓ Publish a catalogue on [ECHA Helpnet page](#)

## Obligations for **substances in articles**:

- Communication duties in the supply chain according to Article 33 of REACH
- SiA notification duty according to Article 7(2) of REACH
- Poison Centres Notification (PCN): pyrotechnic articles
- SCIP notification according to the Waste Framework Directive

# Borderline cases assessment - catalogue

- Consists of ~20 agreed cases
- Overview of agreed cases, **detailed assessment annexed**
- Cases related to each other are clustered
- Enables extending the reasoning for other similar cases

Object	Picture	Description	Conclusion	Detailed assessment
<b>Drill bit</b>	 <p>Figure 1: Twist drill bit</p>	A twist drill bit is an item made from a sturdy material (usually metal) and shaped in a way that enables to drill holes when rotating in objects made of different materials. It is a rotating cutting tool.	Article	<a href="#">Link</a>
	<p>[Note: similar objects 1a. Chisel and scraper blades 1b. Saw blade 1c. Rasp blade 1d. Knife blade 1e. Retractable blade]</p>  <p>Figure 1a: Chisel blade</p>			

Object	Step 1: Identify the function of the object	Step 2: Are shape/surface/design more relevant for the function of the object than the chemical composition?	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Conclusion
<b>Coated electronic wax candle</b>	The main function is decoration.	Yes.  The wax is shaped in the form of the candle and the coating is completely incorporated in the shaped article (see case 3). It is a coated article (see scenarios III-A) and III-B) in table 5 of the SJA Guidance)	n.a.	Na	n.a.	n.a.	Article
<b>Coated conventional candle</b>	The candle is lit to sustain a flame. The wick does not sustain the flame, it carries the molten wax to the centre of the flame, the burning of the wick is a secondary effect.	No.  A conventional wax candle is combination of article and a substance / mixture. Therefore, a coated wax candle is a combination of article and a mixture. In this case, the article is the wick.  (The coating and the wax are either: - 2 different mixtures.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Combination of an article (wick) and a mixture (wax and coating)

Additional comments from the  
participants

# Be always updated!

- Annual basis SCIP IT user group meeting: Next meeting, June 2023

- Please follow our [website](#) for updates

- S2S community

- New [System-to-system submission service](#) webpage



## System-to-system submission service



ECHA's system-to-system (S2S) submission service is available for companies that want to use their own IT systems to submit regulatory information.

The service opens a public 'application programming interface' (API) to ECHA's submission module. Companies, software developers and providers can use the latest version of the API to build or adopt an IT solution that integrates their IT systems with ECHA's submission systems, such as the ECHA Submission portal or REACH-IT.

Once companies have integrated their IT systems with the S2S submission service, they can automate the submission of their dossiers, and even submit in bulk. Using their own IT systems, companies can also integrate other databases, such as IUCLID, to create IUCLID dossiers. It is recommended to use the latest version of the legislative formats.

For more information on how to prepare dossiers in this way, check the IUCLID Developers' Guide and specific regulatory formats/technical documentation.

To stay up to date about new releases of the API, maintenance breaks, and S2S activities as well as news in general join 'ECHA's S2S submission support network' in LinkedIn and subscribe to S2S related news.

## How to start using the S2S submission service

If you want to use the S2S submission service, you must:

- read and accept the Terms and Conditions of ECHA submission portal;
- familiarise yourself with ECHA's S2S submission service manual;
- request access through ECHA's contact form;
- develop the necessary software to use the Submission API and periodically update it to use the most recent version of the Submission API and IUCLID format;

## KEY DOCUMENTS

- [System-to-System submission service manual](#) [PDF]
- [Terms and Conditions of ECHA Submission portal in all languages](#)
- [Submission API specification document](#) [ZIP]
- [Developer's Guide to the IUCLID Format](#) [PDF]

## NEED HELP?

- [Subscribe to S2S news](#)
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  - SCIP support
    - SCIP IT user group
    - Events
  - Tools to prepare and submit notifications
  - SCIP infographic
- Legislation

## SCIP support

Support materials and questions and answers are available to help companies understand the SCIP database and to prepare their information on articles that contain Candidate List substances in a concentration above 0.1 % w/w. If you cannot find the information you are looking for, you can contact ECHA.

Information requirements

- Requirements for SCIP Notifications [PDF] [EN]  
- **Outdated** version from September 2019 [PDF][EN]
- Materials categories for the SCIP database [PDF] [EN]

### SCIP Database Notifications

- Key tips for successful SCIP notifications [PDF] [EN]
- How to prepare and submit a SCIP notification [PDF] [EN]
- Tools to refer to SCIP data already submitted to ECHA [PDF] [EN]
- Validation rules for SCIP notifications [PDF] [EN]
- Dissemination and confidentiality in the SCIP Database [PDF] [EN]

#### RELATED

- Detailed Information Requirements for the SCIP database (September 2019) [PDF][EN]
- Stakeholder consultation on information requirements (Wood, 2019) [PDF] [EN]
- Safe use instructions and the SCIP database — stakeholder views and current practices (Wood, 2019) [PDF] [EN]
- Supporting the development of appropriate material categories for the SCIP database [PDF] [EN]

Questions and answers  
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