

Helsinki, 11 March 2021

Addressees

Registrants of 2EH_PE_JS listed in the last Appendix of this decision

Date of submission of the dossier subject of a decision

31/10/2018

Registered substance subject to this decision, hereafter 'the Substance'

Substance name: Phosphoric acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester

EC number: 235-741-0

CAS number: 12645-31-7

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 **16 June 2023**.

The requested information must be generated using the Substance unless otherwise specified.

A. Information required from the Registrants subject to Annex IX of REACH

1. Pre-natal developmental toxicity study (Annex IX, Section 8.7.2.; test method: EU B.31./OECD TG 414) by oral route, in one species (rat or rabbit)

Reasons for the request(s) are explained in the following appendix:

- Appendix entitled "Reasons to request information required under Annexes VII to IX of REACH", respectively.

Information required depends on your tonnage band

You must provide the information listed above for all REACH Annexes applicable to you, and in accordance with Articles 10(a) and 12(1) of REACH:

- the information specified in Annexes VII to IX to REACH, for registration at 100-1000 tpa.

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 testing and reporting requirements provided under the Appendix

entitled "Requirements to fulfil when conducting and reporting new tests for REACH purposes". For references used in this decision, please consult the Appendix entitled "List of references".

Appeal

This decision can be appealed to the Board of Appeal of ECHA within three months of its notification. An appeal, together with the grounds thereof, has to be submitted to ECHA in writing. An appeal has suspensive effect and is subject to a fee. Further details are described under: <http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/appeals>.

Approved¹ under the authority of Christel Schilliger-Musset, Director of Hazard Assessment

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 A: Reasons to request information required under Annex IX of REACH

This decision is based on the examination of the testing proposals you submitted.

Pre-natal developmental toxicity study (Annex IX, Section 8.7.2.) in a first species

A pre-natal developmental toxicity (PNDT) study (OECD TG 414) in one species is a standard information requirement under Annex IX, Section 8.7.2. to REACH.

You have submitted a testing proposal for a PNDT study according to OECD TG 414.

You provided your considerations concluding that there were no alternative methods which could be used to adapt the information requirement(s) for which testing is proposed. ECHA has taken these considerations into account.

You proposed testing with the rat as a first species. You may select between the rat or the rabbit because both are preferred species under the OECD TG 414². The oral route is the most appropriate route of administration to investigate reproductive toxicity².

In your comments you point out that you submitted the testing proposal over 7 years ago, and would like to explore read-across options that may now be available. Therefore, you request confirmation that such an Annex XI approach is still acceptable for ECHA if a suitable and justifiable approach can be identified. ECHA acknowledges that your testing proposal was present in some of your earlier submissions. However, for relevance for this decision, in your current submission (and also in your previous submission (number [REDACTED] submission date of 13 January 2017), which this decision is based on and as outlined above, you included your considerations on alternative methods, concluding that there were no alternative methods which could be used to adapt the information requirement(s). However, it is in your discretion to generate and provide the necessary supporting information in order to justify your adaptation or any other adaptation. If you do so, you are responsible for demonstrating the fulfilment of the requirements of the relevant Annex(es) of REACH. If it fails and the resulting data does not support your adaptation justification, you remain responsible for complying with this decision by the set deadline.

In addition, in your comments you requested a deadline extension. ECHA has addressed your comment in Appendix C, below.

Under Article 40(3)(a) of REACH, you are requested to carry out the proposed test with the Substance.

² ECHA Guidance R.7a, Section R.7.6.2.3.2.

Appendix B: Requirements to fulfil when conducting and reporting new tests for REACH purposes

A. 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 summaries³.

B. 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 dossiers⁴.

³ <https://echa.europa.eu/practical-guides>

⁴ <https://echa.europa.eu/manuals>

Appendix C: Procedure

ECHA started the testing proposal evaluation in accordance with Article 40(1) on 13 March 2020.

ECHA held a third party consultation for the testing proposal(s) from 25 May 2020 until 9 July 2020. 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 took into account your comments and did not amend the request(s) but amended the deadline.

Deadline to submit the requested information in this decision

The timeline indicated in the initial draft decision to provide the information requested is 12 months from the date of adoption of the decision.

In your comments on the draft decision, you requested an extension of the timeline to 18 – 24 months. You justified your request with the following arguments, which ECHA has evaluated in turn further below:

The registrants are also concerned with the proposed deadline for information submission, quoted as "12 months from the date of the decision" in the Draft Decision. Given the current lead times for higher-tier toxicology studies in EU laboratories at present, this is a very aggressive deadline and would be difficult to meet. The Lead Members of the SIEF request a deadline of 18-24 months to ensure that a high quality laboratory can be chosen to conduct the OECD 414 study on this substance.

ECHA has considered your arguments and has granted the request based on the indication that the testing facilities are heavily booked and set the deadline to 24 months.

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.

Appendix D: List of references - ECHA Guidance⁵ and other supporting documentsEvaluation of available information

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.4 (version 1.1., December 2011), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.4 where relevant.

QSARs, read-across and grouping

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.6 (version 1.0, May 2008), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.6 where relevant.

Read-across assessment framework (RAAF, March 2017)⁶

RAAF - considerations on multi-constituent substances and UVCBs (RAAF UVCB, March 2017)⁶ **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Physical-chemical properties

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7a (version 6.0, July 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7a in this decision.

Toxicology

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7a (version 6.0, July 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7a in this decision.

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7c (version 3.0, June 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7c in this decision.

Environmental toxicology and fate

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7a (version 6.0, July 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7a in this decision.

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7b (version 4.0, June 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7b in this decision.

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.7c (version 3.0, June 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.7c in this decision.

PBT assessment

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.11 (version 3.0, June 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.11 in this decision.

Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.16 (version 3.0, February 2016), referred to as ECHA Guidance R.16 in this decision.

Data sharing

Guidance on data-sharing (version 3.1, January 2017), referred to as ECHA Guidance on data sharing in this decision.

⁵ <https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-information-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment>

⁶ <https://echa.europa.eu/support/registration/how-to-avoid-unnecessary-testing-on-animals/grouping-of-substances-and-read-across>

OECD Guidance documents⁷

Guidance Document on aqueous-phase aquatic toxicity testing of difficult test chemicals – No 23, referred to as OECD GD 23.

Guidance document on transformation/dissolution of metals and metal compounds in aqueous media – No 29, referred to as OECD GD 29.

Guidance Document on Standardised Test Guidelines for Evaluating Chemicals for Endocrine Disruption – No 150, referred to as OECD GD 150.

Guidance Document supporting OECD test guideline 443 on the extended one-generation reproductive toxicity test – No 151, referred to as OECD GD 151.

⁷ <http://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/testing/series-testing-assessment-publications-number.htm>

