

Helsinki, 14 April 2023

Addressees

Registrant(s) of JS_66_25_1_Hexanal as listed in the last Appendix of this decision

Date of submission for the jointly submitted dossier subject to this decision

16 February 2022

Registered substance subject to this decision ("the Substance")

Substance name: Hexanal

EC number: 200-624-5

Decision number: Please refer to the REACH-IT message which delivered this communication (in format TPE-D-XXXXXXXXXX-XX-XX/F)**DECISION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 42(1) OF THE REACH REGULATION**

By the decision of 11 December 2019 ("the original decision") ECHA requested you to submit information by 18 March 2021 in an update of your registration dossier.

Based on Article 42(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (the 'REACH Regulation'), ECHA examined the information you submitted with the registration dossier specified in the header above, and concludes that

Your registration still does not comply with the following information requirement:

- A. Requirements applicable to all the Registrants subject to Annex VIII of REACH**
- 1. In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay (Annex VIII, Section 8.4., column 2; test method: OECD TG 489) in rats, oral route, on the following tissues: liver, glandular stomach and duodenum using the Substance.**

You are therefore still required to provide this information requested in the original decision.

Reasons for the request are explained in the following appendix:

- Appendix entitled "Reasons to request information required under Annexes VIII of REACH".

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

The respective Member State competent authority (MSCA) and National enforcement authority (NEA) will be informed of this decision. They have the duty under Articles 125 and 126 of Regulation No 1907/2006 to ensure that the requests in the original decision are

enforced and complied with and, to that end, inter alia, to carry out checks and impose effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties¹.

Authorised² under the authority of Mike Rasenberg, Director of Hazard Assessment

¹ See paragraph 143 of the judgment of the European Court of Justice of 21 January 2021 in Case C-471/18 P Germany v Esso Raffinage.

² 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 VIII of REACH**1. In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay**

The provided study does not meet the specifications of the request of the original decision.

To fulfil the information requirement, the study must comply with the request in the original decision. Therefore, the following specification must be met: "In vivo mammalian alkaline comet assay (Annex VIII, Section 8.4., column 2; test method: OECD TG 489) in rats, oral route, on the following tissues: liver, glandular stomach and duodenum using the Substance."

In addition, the original decision specifies that: "*In line with the test method OECD TG 489, the comet assay must be performed by analysing tissues from liver as primary site of xenobiotic metabolism, and 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)). Following 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.*"

In the study described as "*In Vivo Alkaline Comet Assay on Different Rat Tissues with Hexanal* [REDACTED]", you have provided results of an in vivo comet assay performed on isolated stomach, liver and kidney cells. However, you have not assessed the duodenum tissue, and no justification for the assessment of kidney instead of duodenum has been provided.

The information provided does not cover the specifications required in the original decision.

Based on the above, the information you provided does not fulfil the information requirement and you are still required to provide an *in vivo* mammalian alkaline comet assay (Annex VIII, Section 8.4., column 2; test method: OECD TG 489) in rats, oral route, on duodenum using the Substance.

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.

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

Appendix C: Procedure

In accordance with Article 42(1) of the REACH Regulation, the Agency examined the information submitted by you in consequence of decision of 11 December 2019 (“the original decision”). Agency considered that this information did not meet one or more of the requests contained in that decision. Therefore, a new decision-making process was initiated under Article 40 of the REACH Regulation.

This decision does not prevent ECHA from initiating further compliance checks at a later stage on the registrations present.

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.

Appendix D: List of references - ECHA Guidance⁴ 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)⁵

RAAF - considerations on multiconstituent substances and UVCBs (RAAF UVCB, March 2017)⁶

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.

OECD Guidance documents⁷

⁴ <https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-information-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment>

⁵ <https://echa.europa.eu/support/registration/how-to-avoid-unnecessary-testing-on-animals/grouping-of-substances-and-read-across>

⁶ https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13630/raaf_uvcb_report_en.pdf/3f79684d-07a5-e439-16c3-d2c8da96a316

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

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.

Appendix E: Addressees of this decision and the corresponding information requirements applicable to them

You must provide the information requested in this decision for all REACH Annexes applicable to you.

| Registrant Name | Registration number | Highest REACH Annex applicable to you |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

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.