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Sign Up for both May Events!

SCHC is presenting a 20-hour long GHS training course in May. It begins May 6th, and continues in four hour segments on May 8, 13,

20, and 22. The course brochure and registration links can be found by visiting GHS 2025. SCHC Members can log into obtain the discount code via the Resources tab. The discount code provides a significant savings.

SCHC Members can also join the May 28th forum "Everything VOC – What they are, what regulations we need to worry about, and why we care" The forum includes an overview of VOCs and touches on important regulations. This event is free for members.



News from OSHA

- OSHA released the 2024 workplace injury and illness data
- <u>National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is</u>
 May 5-9, 2025
- Public Hearing on Hazardous Heat Exposure is June 16th

Mark Your Calendar

NEW May 6-22, 2025 - SCHC Distance Learning: GHS Training NEW May 25, 2025 - SCHC Forum: Everything VOC – What they are, what regulations we need to worry about, and why we care NEW June 5, 2025 - CHCS Webinar: Chemical Regulation, Latin America

NEW June 25, 2025 - SCHC Forum: The North American
Emergency Response Guide and How We Handle Hazardous
Materials in Emergencies

Correction September 20-25, 2025 - SCHC Annual Meeting: Early Bird Registration Ends June 15, 2025

Find Member Discount Codes under the SCHC.org menu's Resources tab



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CHCS June Webinar

CHCS Newsletter

CHCS June Webinar

CHCS is offering SCHC Members access to their June 5, 2025 webinar: Chemical Regulation, Latin America. New chemical inventory regulations are being implemented across Latin America. The webinar will provide an overview of the legislation and cover the main country specific requirements.

The webinar will be followed by a brief Q&A session.

SCHC Members: Under the SCHC.org Resources tab, you can find Discount Codes for events and trainings. Be sure to log-in and obtain the code before registering for CHCS opportunities.

CHCS Newsletter

SCHC Members can view the latest CHCS newsletter by logging into SCHC.org, visiting the schc.org/CHCS page, and scrolling to the newsletter section. Members must be logged in to access this benefit.

April Edition

- New legislation amending Fees and Charges under UK REACH
- Enforcement checks for hazardous mixtures under the CLP Regulation
- Strategic Projects initiated under the EU Critical Raw Materials Act
- Guidance on labelling and packaging in accordance with the CLP Regulation
- CHCS Webinars & Events
- Training Courses & Workshops
- News from Our Partners



Do you know about the alliance between SCHC and the Chemical Hazards Communication Society? You can learn all about it and how it benefits our organizations' members via schc.org/CHCS.



REGULATORY TSCA Update for TCE

TSCA Update for Trichloroethylene (TCE)

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shared the information below regarding the effective date of the Toxic Substances Control Act final risk management rule for trichloroethylene (TCE).

On December 17, 2024, EPA issued the final rule prohibiting all uses of TCE, most of which would be prohibited within one year, including TCE manufacture and processing for most commercial and all consumer products. The rule was originally intended to take effect on January 16, 2025.

EPA has received multiple petitions for review of the final rule. On January 13, 2025, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a motion to temporarily stay the rule's effective date. The petitions were then consolidated by the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation and transferred to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. By an order dated January 16, 2025, the Third Circuit left the temporary administrative stay of the effective date in place pending further order of the court; therefore, the final rule has yet to go into effect.

Also, in accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from President Trump, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," EPA temporarily delayed the effective date of the rule until March 21, 2025, via Federal Register notice published on January 28, 2025.

EPA expects to soon publish a federal register notice further postponing the effective date of all the requirements associated with TSCA section 6(g) exemptions in the final TCE rule for 90 days until June 20, 2025, pending judicial review.

Additionally, EPA has asked the court for more time to determine our next steps and to extend our deadline to respond to the stay for another 60 days. EPA is awaiting that response and will provide more information as it becomes available.

Learn more about TCE

REGULATORY CA Prop 65 Updates

Domoic Acid in Seafood

CA Prop 65 Updates

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) shared the following information:

New Fact Sheet for Nickel and Nickel Compounds: Did you know that nickel and nickel compounds are on the Proposition 65 list for cancer? Certain nickel compounds are also listed for causing reproductive harm, including harm to the developing baby during pregnancy, and harm to the male reproductive system.



The new fact sheet is available in English and Spanish.

Second Public Review Draft for Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water: At the end of March, the OEHHA announced the availability of a second draft document describing a proposed health-protective concentration (HPC) for noncancer effects of hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) in drinking water, as part of the update to the Cr(VI) Public Health Goal (PHG).

Domoic Acid in Seafood

Recently, the OEHHA answered the question what is domoic acid, how can it lead to domoic acid poisoning, and what seafood species are known to accumulate domoic acid.

You can find the fact sheet here.

What is domoic acid? Domoic acid is a naturally occurring marine biotoxin that may be produced during "blooms" of some species of algae (Pseudo-nitzschia spp.). Certain industry workers and consumers can be impacted by these blooms through exposure and ingestion.



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EU Drafts Toy Safety Legislation

New EU Rules Battling Microplastics

EU Drafts Toy Safety Legislation

The EU Parliament and Council negotiators reached a provisional agreement on new EU toy safety, which includes bans on harmful chemicals and clarifications for safety warnings and digital product passports. Substances in toys can be restricted due to certain risks in children's health and development stages, for example allergenic fragrances will be banned in toys for children under 36 months and in toys meant to



be placed in the mouth. Manufacturers will have to perform a thorough safety assessment. The next steps include an "early second reading agreement" and once the regulation is in force in the EU Official Journal member states will have 54 months to comply with the provisions.

New EU Rules Battling Microplastics

The EU Council and Parliament provisionally agreed on a regulation on preventing the loss of plastic pellets – the industrial raw materials used to make plastic products – into the environment. The new rules will help improve the handling of plastic pellets at all stages of the supply chain, both on land and sea. Learn more about this decision, who is responsible and enforcement via their <u>press release</u>.

Operators, EU and non-EU carriers, as well as authorized representatives in the European Union should take note of these new rules and review the next steps in this process.

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EU's Safety Gate and Product Safety Sweep

EU: Restricts PAHS in Clay Targets

EU's Safety Gate and Product Safety Sweep

The European Commission released its annual report on <u>Safety Gate</u>, the European Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products. They received over 4,000 alerts in 2024, the highest ever recorded. According to their <u>announcement</u>,

"Last year, cosmetics (36%) remained the most frequently reported products posing health risks, followed by toys (15%), electrical appliances (10%), motor vehicles (9%) and chemical products (6%).

Chemical ingredients were the main cause of risk in almost half of the alerts. Dangerous chemicals detected included cadmium, nickel and lead in jewellery, as well as allergenic fragrances in body oils, and synthetic chemicals used to soften the plastic, for example in some clothing. 97% of the cosmetics notified were reported to contain BMHCA, a banned synthetic fragrance, which can harm the reproductive system and cause skin irritation.

Alerts registered in the Safety Gate system triggered a robust response from market surveillance authorities with over 4,200 follow-up actions taken to stop the sale of these products or even take them off the market.... The next step "The Commission is working closely with national market surveillance authorities to prepare the first ever product safety sweep."

EU: Restricts PAHs in Clay Targets

On April 1, the European Union posted an <u>amendment</u> that adopted an EU-wide restriction on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in clay targets for shooting. Each year, it is estimated that at least 270 tonnes of these toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative substances are released into the environment from clay target shooting. The new restriction is expected to reduce these emissions by 99 %. There will also be a reduction in exposure for workers and the public who are at risk of cancer due to handling clay targets. The restriction goes into effect April 22, 2026.



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New ECHA Related Webinars

Biocides Renewals in IUCLID

New ECHA Related Webinars

The <u>ECHA CHEM: New Classification and Labelling Inventory</u> webinar will be held May 27, 2025 at 11 a.m. (Helsinki time) to explore the new Classification and Labelling Inventory in the chemical

database, ECHA
CHEM. Use the
webinar link to
submit your
questions before
the event so that
the ECHA experts
can address them



in the live Q&A session following the webinar.

The <u>IUCLID 6: major release version 9</u> webinar is the next day, and promises to give in-depth instructions on the new format and major changes in the upcoming version. See the article below for additional insight to the changes.

We previously mentioned the <u>Poison Centre notification</u> <u>webinar on May 13th</u>. No registration is required for this event.

Biocides Renewals in IUCLID

Beginning July 1, 2026, all applications for biocidal active substance renewals must be submitted in IUCLID format. This includes data from the initial active substance approval. Find more information and watch the <u>Biocide Stakeholders</u> <u>Workshop</u>.



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Open CLP Consultations

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Open CLP Consultations

ECHA is seeking comments on the harmonised classification and labelling proposals for:

- 1-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-2-naphthyl)ethan-1-one (EC 216-133-4; 244-240-6, CAS 1506-02-1, 21145-77-7);
- butan-2-one O,O',O"-(methylsilylidyne)trioxime [1] butan -2-one O,O',O"-(vinylsilylidyne)trioxime [2] butan-2-one O,O',O",O"-silanetetrayltetraoxime [3] (EC 245-366-4 [1] 218-747-8 [2] 251-882-0 [3], CAS 22984-54-9 [1] 2224-33-1 [2] 34206-40-1 [3]); and
- 2-butanone-O,O',O"-(phenylsilylidyne)trioxime (EC 433-360-6, CAS 34036-80-1).

Have your say until May 30, 2025. Find the list of substances here.

ECHA Intentions, Proposals and SVHC Withdrawal

ECHA listed new intentions and proposals to harmonise classification and labelling.

Two intentions have been submitted for:

- cis-tricos-9-ene (provisional chemical name) (EC 248-505-7, CAS 27519-02-4); and
- peanut butter (provisional chemical name) (EC -, CAS -).

Two proposals have been submitted for:

- 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl peroxyneodecanoate (EC 257-077 -0, CAS 51240-95-0); and
- D-tagatose; (3S,4S,5R)-1,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexan-2-one (EC 201-772-3, CAS 87-81-0).

Intention for identification as a substance of very high concern has been withdrawn for:

Hexamethyldisiloxane (EC 203-492-7, CAS 107-46-0).



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Alliance Spotlight:

Eyewash Station Safety

Call for Forum Volunteers and Ideas

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Alliance Spotlight: Eyewash Station Safety

In this month's QuickTakes, OSHA shared this Q&A:

How often does OSHA require emergency eye wash and shower stations to be inspected?

We don't require a set inspection schedule, but we recommend following guidance from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z358.1). They suggest testing plumbed stations every week and doing a comprehensive inspection for all eyewash and shower units once a year.



The public can subscribe to *QuickTakes* in English or Spanish via the publication website www.osha.gov/quicktakes

Call for Forum Volunteers and Ideas

Tell us what you'd like to discuss at upcoming forums by emailing Member Engagement.

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