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AUTHORISATION GRANTED FOR THE USE OF TRICHLOROETHYLENE IN INDUSTRIAL PARTS CLEANING

On the 10th of August, the European Commission adopted the decision related to the application for authorisation for the use of Trichloroethylene (TRI) in *Industrial Parts Cleaning*.

Authorisation Number	Title
REACH/18/9/0	Industrial Parts Cleaning by Vapour Degreasing in Closed Systems where specific requirements (system of use-parameters) exist

The authorisation has a review period of 4,5 years which is valid as of the Sunset Date (21st of April 2016); in consequence, the review period will expire on the **21st of October 2020**.

SAFECEM Europe will continue to supply TRI to you in compliance with the REACH regulation to the extent covered by the REACH registration and the REACH authorisation.

[COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION of 10.8.2018 granting an authorisation for certain uses of trichloroethylene under Regulation \(EC\) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council \(Blue Cube Germany Assets GmbH & Co. KG\)](#)

Downstream Users can continue to use TRI by complying to the downstream user requirements. It is important that you review and assess the Commission Implementing Decision to ensure that you comply fully, but we would like to highlight the matters in the following table in particular.

Authorisation Conditions	Check
<p>1. Downstream Users have a duty to notify the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) within 3 months of the first supply after the authorisation has been granted. Notification has to be done via REACH-IT and requires the set-up of a REACH-IT account. Information can be found on the ECHA DU notification portal: https://echa.europa.eu/support/dossier-submission-tools/reach-it/downstream-user-authorized-use.</p>	
<p>2. The TRI exposure must be measured regularly, at least annually, and need to be based on relevant standard methodologies or protocols. The first measurements shall be performed without undue delay and at latest by the 3rd of February 2019. Those measures shall comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal and static inhalation exposure sampling • Biomonitoring – consisting of measurements of the TRI metabolite trichloroacetic acid in urine <p>These measurements must be representative of the range of tasks undertaken (e.g. re-stabilisation or maintenance) and of the total number of workers that are potentially exposed. Information shall be recorded about the relevant exposure determinants in the workplace when the measurements are taken, such as ECSA type of degreaser, size of the machine, number of machines per room, relevant process parameters and type of cleaned parts. As a service to customers, the personal inhalation exposure measurement is part of the COMPLETE™ Chemical Leasing offer. After the measurement Downstream Users will receive detailed results which have to be documented. The biomonitoring measurement needs to be conducted separately.</p>	
<p>3. Downstream Users shall use the information gathered via the measurements referred to in Point 2 including the contextual information to regularly review the effectiveness of the risk management measures and operational conditions and to introduce measures to reduce worker's exposure to TRI</p>	
<p>4. The results of the measurements referred to in Point 2 as well as the outcome and conclusions of the review and any actions taken in accordance with point 3, shall be documented and, upon request, be submitted to the competent authority of the Member State where the authorised use takes place, in an official language of that Member State.</p>	
<p>5. The results referred to in Point 2 shall be provided to ECHA as an attachment to the Notification for transmission to the authorisation holder for the purpose of the review report referred to in Article 61(1) of the REACH Regulation. The authorisation holder needs to include these information in the case of a review report.</p>	
<p>6. Downstream Users shall confirm and summarise that the Risk Management Measures as indicated on the exposure scenarios are put in place.</p>	
<p>7. Downstream Users shall confirm the use of TRI in ECSA type III, IV or V machines. The use in cleaning equipment classified as ECSA machine type III is limited by the end of their service life and in any event by 3rd of February 2020. After this period, only Downstream Users equipped with cleaning machines type IV or V can be covered by the authorisation.</p>	
<p>8. Downstream users shall have documented and keep on file documentation that they assessed that no suitable alternative exists for their use on the basis of the Suitability Grid.</p>	
<p>9. The above information referred to in Point 6-8 shall be provided as written declaration to ECHA as an attachment to the Notification. The declaration shall be submitted without undue delay, while the occupational exposure measurement data shall be provided when results are available and by latest 3rd of February 2019. The documentation of the assessment of alternatives needs to be available at the sites and does not need to be submitted to ECHA.</p>	
<p>10. Downstream Users must attend and document the participation in a training informing about alternatives to TRI provided by SAFECEM or an accredited partner at latest by 21st of October 2018. The CHEMAWARE™ offer Potential Alternatives to TRI represents such training.</p>	