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COMMISSION DECISION

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC¹, and in particular Article 59(9) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), (EC No. 204-211-0, CAS No. 117-81-7), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (EC No. 201-557-4, CAS No. 84-74-2), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) (EC No. 201-622-7, CAS No. 85-68-7) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (EC No. 201-553-2, CAS No. 84-69-5) are included in the candidate list referred to in Article 59(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 as substances toxic for reproduction (category 1B) according to Article 57(c) of that Regulation. Those substances are also listed in Annex XIV to that Regulation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 59(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, on 26 August 2014 Denmark submitted to the European Chemicals Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") four dossiers in accordance with Annex XV to that Regulation (hereinafter referred to as "Annex XV dossiers") for the identification of DEHP, DBP, BBP and DIBP as substances of very high concern under Article 57(f) of that Regulation due to their endocrine disrupting properties for which there is scientific evidence of probable serious effects to human health or the environment which give rise to an equivalent level of concern to those of other substances listed in paragraphs (a) to (e) of Article 57.
- (3) Before the four Annex XV dossiers were considered by the Member State Committee of the Agency ("MSC"), they were split into two each, with one dossier covering the human health part and the other dossier covering the environmental part of the original dossier, respectively.
- (4) The Annex XV dossiers for identification of DBP, BBP and DIBP as substances having endocrine disrupting properties whose effects in relation to the environment give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation

¹ OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

(EC) No 1907/2006 were subsequently withdrawn by the dossier submitter, in order to further elaborate on the justifications provided in the documentation.

- (5) On 11 December 2014 the MSC adopted its opinions² on the remaining Annex XV dossiers. The MSC reached a unanimous agreement on the identification of DEHP as having endocrine disrupting properties whose effects in relation to the environment give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.
- (6) The MSC unanimously acknowledged that for DEHP, BBP, DBP and DIBP there is scientific evidence on endocrine disrupting activity and on the causal link between this activity and adverse effects on human health.
- (7) However, the MSC did not reach unanimous agreement on whether the effects of the four substances give rise to an equivalent level of concern to those of other substances listed in points (a) to (c) of Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 due to endocrine disrupting properties in relation to human health. According to four members of the MSC the effects for human health pointed out in the Annex XV dossiers were the same effects, caused by the same mode of action, as those already taken into account when the substances were included in the candidate list due to their toxicity for reproduction according to Article 57(c) of that Regulation.
- (8) On 20 February 2015, pursuant to Article 59(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, the MSC referred its opinion to the Commission for a decision on the identification of the four substances as having endocrine disrupting properties for human health giving rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f).
- (9) The Commission notes the unanimous agreement in MSC that the four substances have endocrine disrupting properties and that the adverse effects caused by this mode of action are the same effects that led to their classification as toxic for reproduction and their identification as substances of very high concern according to Article 57(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. The Commission also notes that the majority of members of the MSC considered that the level of concern of those effects is equivalent.
- (10) The Commission notes further that Article 57 does not preclude identifying a substance as being of very high concern based on the same effect on human health several times, in order to specify the mode of action.
- (11) This Decision is without prejudice to the outcome of the on-going activities related to the definition of criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/441/EEC³, and Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products.⁴
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 133 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006,

² <http://echa.europa.eu/role-of-the-member-state-committee-in-the-authorisation-process/svhc-opinions-of-the-member-state-committee>

³ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The following substances are identified as substances having endocrine disrupting properties whose effects to human health give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006:

- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), (EC No. 204-211-0, CAS No. 117-81-7)
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (EC No. 201-557-4, CAS No. 84-74-2)
- Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) (EC No. 201-622-7, CAS No. 85-68-7)
- Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (EC No. 201-553-2, CAS No. 84-69-5)

2. The entry of the substances specified in paragraph 1 in the candidate list referred to in Article 59(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 shall be amended by adding, under “Reason for inclusion”, “Equivalent level of concern having probable serious effects to human health”.

This Decision is addressed to the European Chemicals Agency.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
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