



SCIP database

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Following the review of the EU Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC leading to various amendments in 2018 via Directive (EU) 2018/851, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has been charged with the development and maintenance of a database to list **s**ubstances of (very high) **c**oncern **i**n articles and complex objects (**p**roducts). The template for this list is now known as the SCIP database. Its purpose is to enable waste operators (and customers upon request) to identify the presence of hazardous substances in products at their end of life, i.e. at the waste stage.

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Specific requirements are laid out in Article 9 of the Waste Framework Directive. It states that ECHA is obliged to establish the database in January 2020 and any supplier of an article containing more than 0.1% (by weight) of a substance of very high concern (SVHC) provides the information to the European Chemicals Agency as from 5 January 2021. In light of the Covid19 pandemic, this deadline has been challenged by various groups and organisations, requesting more time for their preparation. However, at the time of writing this short summary it is still valid.

ECHA has drafted a first “prototype” version of the SCIP database and made it available on their website. ECHA’s webpage also contains additional information materials including a leaflet, a Q&A summary and the recording of a webinar introducing the SCIP requirements.

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For products containing Refractory Ceramic Fibres (RCF), also known as Alumino-Silicate-Wools (ASW) this means that SCIP declarations must be filed by January 2021 due to the SVHC listing of RCF/ASW. We will follow the further development of the SCIP database and our members are prepared to fulfil the new legal obligations.

These obligations will, however, not stop at the stage of placing RCF/ASW containing articles such as blankets, papers and shapes on the market – it is our current understanding that our customers have similar obligations for the more complex products they manufacture using such articles. We encourage our down stream users to become familiar with the SCIP database and any potential requirements and obligations they have to fulfil.

We will update this brief summary as soon as we obtain a more detailed understanding of the requirements and the final shape of the SCIP database.

Important points to note:

- As of January 2021, products containing SVHCs must be listed in ECHA’s SCIP database
- A prototype database is currently available for evaluation, but the final layout may change
- This will affect manufacturers and down stream users of articles containing RCF/ASW