



## SCIP database - Update

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As part of the implementation of the EU's action plan for the circular economy adopted in 2015, the revised Waste Framework Directive entered into force in July 2018. Following our initial communication on this topic in May 2020, we would again like to draw your attention to the introduction across the EU of the SCIP (substance of concern in products) database. This database is designed to allow companies to fulfil their requirements under the Waste Framework Directive in terms of tracing substances of concern throughout their lifecycle to end of life.

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Directive  
2008/98/EC

### A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE EU

The SCIP database ensures that the information on articles containing Candidate List substances is available throughout the whole lifecycle of products and materials, including at the waste stage.

It also:

- Aims to reduce hazardous substances in waste;
- Encourage substitution of those substances with safer alternatives;
- Contributes to a better circular economy by helping waste operators ensure that such substances are not present in recycled materials.





The SCIP database is managed by ECHA and will contain information on articles containing substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the Candidate List. New substances are regularly added to the Candidate List under REACH and it is expected that this database will be updated on a regular basis by industry.

Companies that produce, import or supply articles containing Candidate List substances have to submit information on these articles placed on the EU market to the SCIP database, as from 5 January 2021. This obligation applies to all articles placed on the market, which is an additional burden also on companies importing articles from outside of EU that previously had no obligations to submit information to ECHA (for example REACH registrations). More information on the obligations of different actors on the EU market, detailed guidance and other useful tools can be found on the dedicated SCIP section of ECHA's website.

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ECHA SCIP  
information

ECFIA member companies produce various articles containing Refractory Ceramic Fibre/ Alumino Silicate Wool, which was placed on the Candidate List in 2010 under two entries, Refractory Ceramic Fibre and Zirconia Refractory Ceramic Fibre. Based on this our members will be submitting notifications to the SCIP database and communicating this information down the supply chain as per their legal obligations.

## WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS



If the **articles** you **produce, assemble, import or distribute** contain **SVHCs** on ECHA's Candidate List in a concentration **above 0.1% weight by weight** you need to **notify** them to the **SCIP database**.

SCIP Obligations (Source: ECHA)

ECFIA members have followed the advice of ECHA and will be submitting single notifications for groups of similar articles under the "quasi-identical article" grouping requirements. Whilst individual companies may have slightly different boundaries



between different product groups the notifications will fall into the following broad categories:

- Blankets
- Modules, Veneers
- Boards, Vacuum Form Board
- Vacuum Form Shapes
- Paper & Felt
- Textiles

Under SCIP requirements each company has a duty to supply their downstream users with information on SCIP notifications. Distributors and resellers may be able to submit a “simplified” notification, referencing the upstream full notification using the ECHA submission portal.

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simplified SCIP  
notification

Users who incorporate articles into more complex objects have a duty to submit a reference notification for the complex object again referencing the upstream full notification. Details outlining the conditions for a simplified SCIP notification (SSN) can be found in ECHA’s November 2020 webinar presentation (see weblink).

ECHA have stated that it is sufficient to submit one notification even if you are supplied by a number of different companies.

ECFIA members are working towards being as consistent as possible with SCIP notification and as such all members will use the same article category and material categories for classification of the use of the RCF containing articles to ensure waste operators find consistent information at end of life. These are:

Article Category (numeric code)	Material Categories (search phrases)
<b>6806100000</b>	Refractory (Ceramics > Refractories) Other Mineral Wool Fibres Glass wools

**Important points to note:**

- As of January 2021, products (articles and complex objects) containing SVHCs must be listed in ECHA’s SCIP database
- This will affect manufacturers, importers, distributors and certain down stream users of articles containing RCF/ASW
- Under certain conditions, distributors and down stream users can submit a simplified SCIP notification (SSN), referencing the notification filed by their supplier