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Current Status of the EU Risk Assessment of Antimony Trioxide (ATO) in relation to Industry preparation for REACH

IAOIA has received many requests for an update on the timing of the EU's Risk Assessment of ATO in relation to the emerging EU policy of REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals). Both the current risk assessment process and the future REACH process are based on an assessment of potential risks. Where risks are identified, there is then a recommendation for action to reduce human exposure and/or to limit emissions to the environment.

ATO is currently undergoing a risk assessment, conducted according to European Regulation 793/93/EC. As part of its commitments under this risk assessment process, industry has established a horizontal industry consortium (IAOIA) of ATO producers and a vertical industry consortium of Antimony Trioxide Stakeholders (ATOS) who are the users of ATO. With this structure in place, we have a solid cooperative basis which will fulfil our future obligations under REACH.

The European Commission has set a deadline of April 2008 for the completion of all EU risk assessments. It is expected that the current ATO Risk Assessment will be concluded during 2007. All the scientific data gathered under the ATO risk assessment will be transferred to a REACH dossier and will enable industry partners to (pre-) register ATO at the appropriate time.

IAOIA is committed to keep interested parties informed about the progress of the risk assessment and of our preparations for REACH via the IAOIA-newsletters. The next newsletter is planned for distribution in Quarter 4 2006 and will contain information on our REACH preparations.

Previous newsletters found on this site detail our progress with the ATO EU Risk Assessment.

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