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## Press Release

### **ECHA has added two new substances of very high concern (SVHCs) to the Candidate List on June 15, 2015**

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ECHA Release Two new substances of very high concern (SVHCs) added to the Candidate List and one entry updated

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**Helsinki, 15 June 2015** - The first new entry covers a series of mixed alkyl diesters (EC 271-094-0, CAS 68515-51-5; EC 272-013-1, CAS 68648-93-1) which were added to the list due to their reproductive toxicity properties where they contain  $\geq 0.3\%$  of dihexyl phthalate (EC No. 201-559-5). These substances are used for example as plasticisers and lubricants, including use in adhesives, coatings, building material, cable compounding, polymer foils, PVC compounds and artist supply (e.g. modelling clay and finger paints).

The second SVHC has been added as a group entry with very persistent and very bioaccumulative properties. This group of substances covers for example, the product with the trade name "karanal". Public information sources indicate that the main use of karanal is as a fragrance ingredient.

ECHA took the decision to include these two substances on the Candidate List based on proposals by Sweden and the Netherlands respectively, following the SVHC identification process with involvement of the Member State Committee. The Candidate List now contains 163 substances. Of those, 31 have subsequently been included in the Authorisation List.

Information on the notification of substances in articles and related submission tools, as well as a manual with instructions on how to create and submit a notification dossier are available on ECHA's website. The notifications can be submitted to ECHA through a webform or REACH-IT.

As foreseen by REACH, a specific procedure will be followed to decide whether the substances should also be included in the List of Substances subject to Authorisation (Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation).

### **Background information**

The Candidate List is a list of substances that may have serious effects on human health or the environment. Substances on the Candidate List are also known as "*substances of very high concern*". The aim of publishing such a list is to inform the industry and general public that these substances are candidates for inclusion in the Authorisation List. The inclusion in the candidate list also triggers further information obligations for industry and gives consumers the possibility to request information on these substances in articles. ECHA regularly prioritises the substances included in the Candidate List and recommends to the Commission their inclusion to the Authorisation List. Once they are on the Authorisation List, industry will need permission to continue using the substance after the sunset date.

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Xmultiple manufactures precision interface connectors and components. Xmultiple Technologies was formed specifically to develop interconnection solution products. Xmultiple has become a "Leading Source for Connector Innovation".

The connector product lines include RJ connectors, SATA/eSATA, SIM card connector, SD card connector, USB connector, HDMI connector, Headers, Ribbon connectors, RF connectors/convertors, Combo connectors, DC Power, AC Socket and RJ magnetic connectors with integrated components. Xmultiple's X-SMART connector series of products include combo connectors with RJ/MicroSD, USB/MicroSD, HDMI/MicroSD, eSata/MicroSD and more all used in Smartphones, Tablet computers, desktop, laptop, notebook, telecommunications equipment, networking equipment, video equipment, audio equipment, and many emerging mobile devices. Connectors are an important electronic component for a mobile phone, and their quality is directly related to the quality and reliability of the mobile phone. Connectors are widely applied in industries including automobile, computer, telecommunication, manufacture, consumer electronics, aviation and military industries. Xmultiple is a global manufacturer of connectivity products supporting all applications and requirements for all these industries. Xmultiple is headquartered in the United States with multiple manufacturing factories throughout Asia. Xmultiple ([www.xmultiple.com](http://www.xmultiple.com)) and its divisions design, manufacture, and sale of products used our connectors and components for use in high-speed data transmission, commercial aerospace, military, transportation, and consumer electronics devices. Xmultiple operates facilities around the world.

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