

ECSA News Release

“No further information request” for the popular dry-cleaning solvent

ECHA publishes Substance Evaluation Report for tetrachloroethylene

Brussels, 3 October 2014. The European Chemical Agency ECHA has published the Substance Evaluation Report for the popular dry-cleaning solvent tetrachloroethylene. It is one of the few substances that came out of the CoRAP (Community Rolling Action Plan) with no further information request.

The Agency’s Evaluation Report for perchloroethylene concludes that, based on the REACH registration dossier, “no regulatory action [is] needed at EU level based on this evaluation”

More details can be found the official [Substance Evaluation Report](#).

Tetrachloroethylene is the solvent of choice for textile dry-cleaning and industrial metal degreasing applications. ECSA has always supported the safe and sustainable use of tetrachloroethylene. European production of the compound was 34,700 tonnes in 2013. Tetrachloroethylene is also known under the name perchloroethylene.

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Footnote to Editors

The European Chlorinated Solvents Association ECSA is a part of the Trade Association Euro Chlor and represents the interests of the European chlorinated solvent producers. ECSA works to support the long-term sustainability of the chlorinated solvent industry. The association defines and promotes safe practices as well as commissions toxicological studies to further increase our knowledge of the products.

Sales of chlorinated solvents in 2013 in Europe were 139,200 tonnes (combined sales of dichloromethane, perchloroethylene and trichloroethylene).