

ECHA Extends SVHC Candidate List

In June 2014, ECHA ([European Chemicals Agency](#)) undertook its regular update of the SVHC Candidate List (List of Substances of Very High Concern) by adding further substances with carcinogenic, mutagenic and/or reprotoxic properties. New entries are cadmium chloride, sodium perborate, sodium peroxometaborate, and dihexyl phthalate (linear and branched). The list thus currently comprises 155 substances.

The plasticiser dihexyl phthalate is of particular interest in relation to footwear production since it may be present at concentrations exceeding the limit value of 0.1 percent by weight, in which case the duty to provide information extends along the entire supply chain. The other three substances are not expected to be present at concentrations exceeding the limit value in footwear and footwear materials.

The current version of the SVHC Candidate List is available at the [ECHA Website](#). A list indicating the relevance of substances for footwear and consumer goods can be found on the PFI Homepage in [German](#) and in [English](#). If you have any questions regarding the testing of SVHC candidates, please contact:

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