

**Subject: Substances of Concern Inquiry**

In our continuous efforts to provide you with information about REACH, we wish to inform you that a list of chemicals being considered as candidates for SVHC classification under REACH regulations has been posted by the European Chemicals Agency and can be found at:

[http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp)

As of the date of this communication, according to ECHA communications there are currently 73 substances on the "Candidate List". This candidate list was last updated on December 19, 2011.

On December 20, 2011, the European Chemical Agency ("ECHA") further recommended a third group of 13 substances from the Candidate List for inclusion into Annex XIV of REACH (the "Authorization list"). Information on the ECHA Annex XIV recommendations can be found at: [http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/authorisation\\_process/annex\\_xiv\\_rec\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/annex_xiv_rec_en.asp)

The products listed contain one of the following substances which are on the candidate list of substances of very high concern:

- [Link to Boric acid \(CAS 11113-50-1, CAS 10043-35-3\)](#). As documented in Annex II of Commission Regulation EC/790/2009, the presence of boric acid at Specific Concentration Limit of 5.5%w/w or above requires classification as Reproductive Toxin Category 1b.
- [Link to 2-Methoxyethanol \(CAS 109-86-4\)](#). Work to substitute this chemical from the Dow Corning products impacted is well advanced and alternative offerings, free of 2-methoxyethanol, are already available.
- [Link to 1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone \(CAS 872-50-4\)](#). Work is in progress to substitute this solvent from our range of anti-friction coatings.
- [Link to N,N-Dimethylacetamide \(CAS 127-19-5\)](#). Work is planned to substitute this solvent from our range of anti-friction coatings.

Beyond these components, Dow Corning Corporation, including its affiliates (together "Dow Corning") does not intentionally formulate with, nor is Dow Corning aware of, other product(s) containing any substances of concern on the Candidate List above the reporting threshold. Please note that the list will be updated on a regular basis and we request you to continue to check this list periodically.

We are unaware of any potential sources for the introduction of any substances of concern from the manufacturing and packaging processes utilized, nor from the packaging components themselves. However, Dow Corning does not specifically analyze for the presence of substances of very high concern.

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