

Ethoxylates in Aerospace Authorisation Consortium (EAAC) to be formed to address REACH Authorization of Nonyl- and Octyl-Phenol Ethoxylates

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Leeds, UK, May 8, 2018 – Several companies in the Aerospace and Defence (AD) industry are forming a consortium to develop applications for Authorisation for industry uses of **4-Nonylphenol, branched and linear, ethoxylated** (nonylphenol ethoxylates, or “NPE”) substances and **4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol, ethoxylated** (octylphenol ethoxylates, or “OPE”) substances. The substances are listed in REACH Annex XIV because of “*equivalent level of concern due to its degradation to a substance with endocrine disrupting properties*”. Compounds containing OPE/NPE are found in certain formulations that are critical to the AD industry, including, but not limited to adhesives, sealants and primers.

Interested parties are invited to apply for membership now. The deadline for joining is 19 June 2018.

The consortium’s first meeting will take place on June 4th and 5th in Arlington, Virginia. Membership is open to any AD industry company, or any company supplying and/or importing these substances into the EEA for this industry sector. All interested parties are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) prior to attending the meeting.

Ramboll has been selected to serve as the consortium and technical managers for the newly forming consortium. Ramboll was selected based on its knowledge of chemical risk assessment and socio-economic analysis, its environmental expertise, its established proficiency with consortium management and its proven capability in the development of Authorisation applications relating to other Annex XIV substances.

“Similar to the formation of the Global Chromates Consortium for Aerospace (GCCA), our aim is to bring together all relevant parties of the sector and to enable aerospace and defence companies and their formulators to have their uses of NPEs and/or OPEs included in an Application for Authorisation.” says Phil Humphries, interim chair of the EAAC authorisation consortium.

All interested parties are invited to join the consortium prior to 19 June 2018, at which time membership will be closed. Please indicate your interest as soon as possible to Ramboll, bearing in mind that the first meeting is scheduled to take place on June 4th and 5th in Arlington, Virginia, USA. Two WebEx meetings are also planned for Wednesday 16th May at 4:00 pm CET and Monday 21st May at 1:30 pm CET to provide further information to interested parties.

For more information or inquiries, or to request a copy of the MoU, please contact [Dianne Green](#) (Consortium Manager) or [Sue Bullock](#) (Technical Director).