



November 2013

Tank Tech 2013

On November 5-6th representatives from **EuPC** Sector Group PlasFuelSys participated in the Tank Tech 2013. This two day conference focused on recent trends and product developments in the field of automotive fuel systems. The conference saw the participation of stakeholders from vehicle manufacturers, automotive suppliers, international research units and the mineral oil industry. PlasFuelSys members took this opportunity to promote the benefits of using plastic fuel tanks and fuel systems. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

European Trade Negotiations

TTIP

In mid-November 2013 the European Commission will host a 'mini-round' of negotiations for the TTIP, following the cancellation of the second round of negotiations in October due to the US government shutdown. The third round of negotiations will commence in Washington on December 16th 2013. In October, **EuPC** initiated discussions on the benefits of the TTIP with its US counterpart 'SPI'. **EuPC** is currently investigating the potential effects of the TTIP on plastic products and shall feed this information into TTIP negotiations. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

Investment agreement with China

On 18 October 2013, the Council of the European Union authorised the opening of negotiations on an investment agreement with China. This paves the way for a launch of the negotiations at the forthcoming EU-China Summit. The 16th EU-China

Summit will be held in Beijing from Nov. 20th - 23rd. During this summit both sides will further discuss the provisions of a potential investment agreement. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

Free trade agreement EU-Singapore

On September 20th, the EU and Singapore initialled the text of a comprehensive free trade agreement. The draft agreement will now be discussed further by the European Commission and the Council of Ministers, before being sent to the European Parliament. Singapore is currently the EU's largest trade partner in Southeast Asia. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

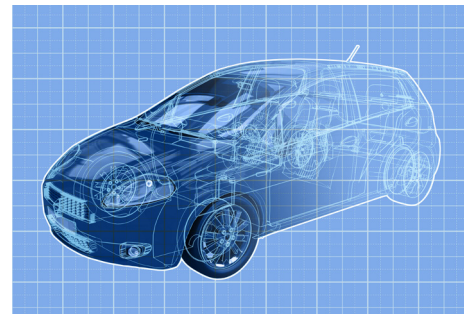
REACH restriction of DecaBDE

ECHA has commissioned the consultant 'RPA' to lead a new study on the preparation of an Annex XV Restrictions Dossier for bis-(pentabromophenyl) ether (DecaBDE, CAS No: 1163-19-5, EC No: 214-604-9). Already, decaBDE has been proposed to be listed persistent organic pollutant at global level by Norway (global ban), see : <http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/ea1b117-d017-4446-bb3b-5497bd1c478a> . DecaBDE is a flame retardant used in a range of applications :E&E, ships, boats and airplanes, textiles and furniture, automobile and mass transportation, household and building & construction. ECHA intends to submit this Annex XV Restrictions Dossier by 1 August 2014 and RPA has been contracted by ECHA to collect relevant information on: i) imports of DecaBDE in the form of substance, mixtures and articles (with an emphasis on imported articles) and exports of products to non-EU countries; ii) uses of DecaBDE and its mixtures and articles

in the EU; iii) releases of DecaBDE during the lifetime of its articles; and iv) availability and feasibility of alternatives for DecaBDE. **EuPC** is currently establishing a Workforce to address issues surrounding this consultation. More info: Geoffroy.tillieux@eupc.org

CARS 2020

EuPC has seen a copy of the compromise amendments to the draft Report (LINK: [here](#)) on CARS 2020, adopted by the European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) on 5 November, have been made available. In total, 21 compromise amendments will be incorporated in the final version of the Committee Report, which is expected towards the end of 2013. This Report calls for: i) supporting research, innovation and staff training; ii) new behaviour patterns for mobility; iii) calls on the Commission to launch an ex-post assessment on current legislation; iv) improvements to EU roads; v) further approximation of legislation on information provided to motorists by the spare parts sector and others, including the introduction of a code of conduct for manufacturers; vi) stimulation for EU automotive firms to meet growing demand on new export markets. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org



Motor Vehicle Noise

The European Parliament and the Council have reached a final compromise agreement on motor vehicle sound level at a trilogue meeting held on 5 November 2013. As of yet, the sound limit has not been made available, however the European Parliament's Environment Committee will discuss the text with a view to its endorsement on 27 November. Under the proposed Regulation motor vehicle manufacturers would have to comply with noise limits proposed by Member States (originally 2,6 dB, but may have changed during trilogue meeting of 5 Nov). More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org



ELV Monitoring Guidelines - Revision

During a meeting of the Technical Adaptation Committee on waste legislation (TAC), on July 4th 2013, Member State experts discussed monitoring requirements for reuse/recovery and reuse/recycling as laid out in the ELV Directive (2000/53/EC) and Commission Decision 2005/293/EC.

During these discussions, the European Commission representative informed Member States that following analysis of all data submitted by Member States on reporting methodologies, it had become evident that some points in the Commission's Decision 2005/293/EC

needed further clarification. As a result, Member State experts are due to discuss a possible measure amending Decision 2005/293/EC over the coming months. Based on the outcome of these discussions, the Commission will decide whether or not to come forward with any measure. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

Reach update

The REACH process continued strongly in 2013 with Registration of about 3.000 new substances registered by the 31.5.2013 deadline; more substances were added to the Candidate List (now 144) and the Authorization Annex XIV (now 22). In addition, 10 new substances are being "recommended" for inclusion in the Authorisation list. Amongst them are ADCA, DMF and DecaBDE.

The Commission Road Map targets 440 substances to be evaluated by 2020 by RMO analysis (Risk Management Options) for SVHC identification. Recycling and Authorization: In February 2015 the first series of Substances (a.o. DEHP) subject to the Reach Authorization procedure will reach their "Sunset Date".

The Reach Authorization process has not taken into account the special case of Recycling. The Commission's own proposal is considered unrealistic by the Recycling Industry. Conversations continue with the Commission, especially on DEHP but also on End-of-Waste issues. Authorisation: on 13 November the EU Chemicals Agency (ECHA) started an 8-week consultation on 7 Applications for Authorisation for DEHP and DBP. Until 8 February 2014 all interested parties can post "relevant information" on the ECHA web site. Three PVC Recyclers are applying for Authorisation to use recycled PVC containing DEHP. More info: Walter.claes@eupc.org

Plast4future - Eu Project



Plast4future (Injection Moulding Production Technology for Multi-functional Nano-structured Plastic Components enabled by Nanolmprint Lithography) is a project funded by the Commission of European Communities under Framework 7. The Plast4future Consortium is composed of 14 partners (Technical University Denmark, Centro Ricerche FIAT S.c.p.A., NIL Technology ApS, IPT Fraunhofer, ToolPartners AB, CemeCon Scandinavia A/S, Uddeholm AB, European Plastics Converters, Catalan Institute of Nanotechnology, microresist technology GmbH, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Centro Ricerche Plast-optica S.p.A., Maier S. Coop, and Lego System A/S).

The objective of the project is to upgrade existing injection moulding production technology for manufacturing of plastic components by enhancing the lateral resolution on free-form surfaces down to micro- and nanometer length scales. This will be achieved through the development of a complete nanoimprint lithography solution for structuring the free-form surface of injection moulding tools and tool inserts. The technology that Plast4Future proposes enables functionalisation of plastic surfaces by topography instead of chemistry. This will significantly simplify the introduction of new products to the market, and make them safer to produce and use.

The proposed technology allows production of plastic surfaces with several different functionalities using the same material. This technology will be developed to meet specific industry demands from partners representing the plastic industry including the automotive, lighting and toy industries. More info: Ruth.colado@eupc.org

2014 EuPC Calendar (first semester) - Events & Meetings

19 FEB 2014	Budget Committee	Brussels - Belgium
11 MAR 2014	Packaging Excom	Brussels - Belgium
12 MAR 2014	Steering Committee	Brussels - Belgium
13 MAR 2014	B&C/RM committees	Brussels - Belgium
18 MAR 2014	MEF	Brussels - Belgium
19 MAR 2014	PE/MEF	Brussels - Belgium