

To Downstream Users who use Chromium trioxide for Use 3 'Functional Plating with Decorative Character'

If you are using Chromium trioxide as a substance or in a mixture for functional plating with decorative character including pretreatments (such as etching) ('Use 3'), please read this Information Notice carefully.

The application for REACH authorization of the Members of the CTACSub Consortium is still pending with the European Commission. For Use 3, the European Commission has decided to suspend the authorization procedure for legal reasons and has requested the applicants to draw up and submit a so-called Substitution Plan by August 24, 2020.

The Substitution Plan has to be submitted by the upstream applicants and must be based on Downstream User information! You **must not** submit your own Substitution Plan to the European Commission.

A Substitution Plan is a document whereby the applicant must provide information on Chromium trioxide replacement efforts (timetable, drop-in replacements and R&D and investments into alternatives, reasons why substitution is not feasible for a specific use etc.) for the specific end use applications.

If you want to continue your use beyond August 24, 2020 under the pending (upstream) application for authorization, you need to contribute to the Substitution Plan data gathering.

The information you provide will be treated as 'confidential business information'. CTACSub's technical consultant Ramboll will act as a third party trustee and aggregate and neutralize it before submission to the European Commission.

The CTACSub Members will therefore take the following steps and ask for the input of ALL their Downstream Users:

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- CTACSub is working on an on-line questionnaire to be filled in thoroughly by ALL Downstream Users who wish to continue to rely on this application for authorization for Use 3.
- You must register at <https://surveys.ramboll.com/LinkCollector?key=6RAA1MNNSN1P> in order to receive your own invitation to the survey. Once you have registered, Ramboll will send you a link to the survey in the language of your choice.
- CTACSub's technical consultant Ramboll will hold a series of webinars to explain how to fill in the on-line questionnaire. The schedule of webinars is provided in the box below.
- Downstream Users are requested to familiarize themselves with the on-line questionnaire, to attend one webinar of their choice, and to ask at that webinar any clarifications they may require. Links to the webinar will be issued when you complete the initial registration step.
- Downstream Users then must fill in the on-line questionnaires by **May 15, 2020**. Downstream Users that do not send back the fully completed questionnaire by that date will be considered as no longer relying on that pending application for authorization and/or no longer working with Chromium trioxide for Use 3.

Schedule of Webinars	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 6 April – 11am CET German• Monday 6 April – 3pm CET Italian• Monday 6 April – 4pm CET English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 7 April – 3pm CET French• Tuesday 7 April – 4pm CET Spanish

Yours sincerely

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