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Inclusion of substances of very high concern in the Candidate List for eventual inclusion in Annex XIV

(Decision of the European Chemicals Agency)

Owner: Mike Rasenberg Activity/Process: 1.5 Identification of SVHC Validity: Indefinite	Distribution: Executive Director Director C HoU C3 ECHAnet
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Whereas

- (1) Pursuant to Article 59(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) the European Chemicals Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'The Agency') received from Member States three Annex XV dossiers for substances which in their opinion meet the criteria of substances of very high concern (SVHCs) set out in Article 57 of REACH.
- (2) On 01 September 2025, the Agency invited all interested parties to submit comments on the Annex XV dossiers, as stated in Article 59(4) of REACH.
- (3) The interested party commenting period for all substances ended on 16 October 2025.
- (4) In accordance with Article 59(5) of REACH, the deadline for Member States or the Agency to comment on the identification of the substances as SVHCs was 31 October 2025.
- (5) The Agency did not receive or make any comments on the identification as SVHC for the following substance:

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER
4,4'-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethylidene]diphenol and its salts	-	-

- (6) Therefore, this substance is identified as a substance of very high concern for the reasons set out in the relevant support document of this substance. Pursuant to Article 59(6) of REACH the Agency shall now include this substance in the Candidate List for eventual inclusion in Annex XIV to REACH.
- (7) The Agency received comments on the identification as SVHC for the following substances:

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER
n-hexane	203-777-6	110-54-3
4,4'-methylenediphenol	210-658-2	620-92-8

- (8) Thus, pursuant to Article 59(7) of REACH the dossiers related to these substances were referred to the Member State Committee (MSC).
- (9) After the referral and in advance of the 92nd meeting of the MSC, one dossier submitter withdrew their dossier for the following substance:

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER
4,4'-methylenediphenol	210-658-2	620-92-8

- (10) The MSC at its 92nd meeting unanimously agreed that the following substance meets the criteria set out in Article 57 of REACH for identification as SVHC:

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER
n-hexane	203-777-6	110-54-3

- (11) Therefore, this substance is identified as a substance of very high concern for the reasons set out in the relevant support document of this substance. Pursuant to Article 59(8) of REACH the Agency shall now include this substance in the Candidate List for eventual inclusion in Annex XIV to REACH.

I HAVE DECIDED THE FOLLOWING:

1. The following substances are identified as substances of very high concern meeting the criteria under Article 57 of REACH:

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER	INTRINSIC PROPERTY(IES) REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 57
4,4'-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethylidene]diphenol and its salts	-	-	Toxic for reproduction (Article 57(c))
n-hexane	203-777-6	110-54-3	Specific target organ toxicity after repeated exposure (nervous system) (Article 57(f) - human health)

2. Under Articles 59(6) and 59(8) of REACH the substances referred to in paragraph 1 above with the indications provided therein shall be included in the Candidate List for eventual inclusion in Annex XIV to REACH.

3. Pursuant to Article 59(10) of REACH the Agency shall on 04 February 2026 publish and update on its website the Candidate List for eventual inclusion in Annex XIV to REACH with the entries referred to in paragraph 1 above.

4. Entry into effect

This decision shall take effect from 04 February 2026.

(e-signed)

Mike Rasenberg¹
Director of Hazard Assessment²

¹ Mandated to sign this decision in accordance with ECHA's internal process.

² As this is an electronic document, it is not physically signed. This communication has been approved according to the Agency's internal decision-approval process.