

REACH: Identification of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) by 2020

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On 6 February 2013, the EU Commission released a “Roadmap for the identification of substances of very high concern” under the European regulation on the **R**egistration, **E**valuation, **A**uthorisation and **R**estriction of **C**hemicals, or REACH for short. Accordingly, by 2020 all relevant substances of very high concern (SVHC) are to be included in the REACH Candidate List for substances requiring authorisation. In Germany, the Federal Chemicals Office (BfC) in cooperation with of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) are involved in the identification of SVHC. These substances will then be recommended for inclusion in the Candidate List which is coupled with various obligations for manufacturers or users of these substances. The BfR outlines below their criteria by which substances are selected for the Candidate List.

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