

9. Technical Committee



Technical committee update

- 4 TC meetings: January, March, July, October
- 3 Adhoc meetings to discuss response to CPR proposal by CPE, AVCP for fire and response to consultation on Sustainable Products Initiative

TC items under discussion

REACH	Standards	Recycling Projects	Construction products
<input type="checkbox"/> TiO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Strategy for Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> French Circular Economy Law Article 13 <input type="checkbox"/> UK REACH	<input type="checkbox"/> Circular economy standards TC WG 10 <input type="checkbox"/> WG 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Circular Flooring <input type="checkbox"/> Supercritical CO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/> Research into recycling technologies <input type="checkbox"/> Research into sorting technologies	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Products regulation (CPR) review <input type="checkbox"/> UK Conformity Assessment (UKCA) mark <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated Act AVCP reaction to fire <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of recycling

CPR	<p>Legislative proposal which was due by the end of the year – 4th Quarter has now been postponed to after the results of the Sustainable Product Initiative (SPI) - Q1-2022</p> <p>ERFMI responded to consultation</p>
CPR Aquis	<p>EC has drawn up some products to be prioritized for work to include in OJEU</p> <p>Currently working on precast concrete and structural metallic products</p> <p>Flooring No. 13 on list of priorities</p> <p>Likelihood of EN 14041:2018 being published in OJEU in the next 2 years is slim</p>
EN 14041:2018 update	<p>EUFGA / CEN TC 134 drafted explanatory note for CEN System as a new work item for a technical report</p> <p>EN 14041:2018 cannot be used for CE marking</p> <p>Stakeholders have to use outdated standard developed under an expired legislation</p> <p>guidance document explains: how to apply EN 14041:2004/AC2006 to CEN TC134 products under the current legislation</p>

REACH update

TiO₂

The [classification of titanium dioxide \(TiO₂\)](#) as a suspected carcinogen (cat. 2) by inhalation in certain powder forms was [published on 18 February 2021](#) in the EU Official Journal as an amendment to the EU Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging (CLP) of substances and mixtures.

The classification applies as of **1st October 2021**

Note 10: The classification as a carcinogen by inhalation applies only to mixtures in powder form containing 1% or more of titanium dioxide which is in the form of or incorporated in particles with aerodynamic diameter ≤ 10 µm"

Important Note: CLP only applies to substances and mixtures and not to articles and therefore articles such as plastic pipe or PVC window frame that may contain more than 1% wt. of TiO₂ powder containing 1% or more of particles with aerodynamic diameter ≤ 10 µm do not require classification and labelling.

Compiled guidance which is available on the ECHA HelpNet site [here](#)

Lead

Concerns mainly rigid PVC but also flooring with PVC rigid core using recycled content from windows

In February 2020, EU Parliament voted against the Commission proposal to establish: Higher lead content limits for articles containing rigid and flexible PVC recydate : 2 % by weight for rigid PVC and 1 % by weight for flexible PVC .

New proposal likely to prohibit lead in soft PVC completely, but allow 1.5 % in rigid

Microplastics

Restriction on intentionally used microplastics expected to be adopted in the course of 2021

A labelling and **reporting obligation on pellet losses might be imposed by 2024**

In parallel DG ENV (EC) as part of the Green Deal is expected to develop policies aimed at reducing/controlling losses of those raw materials

EC expects industry to deliver during this Commission mandate i.e. by end 2024

Several EuPC groups are Operation Clean Sweep Partners and their member companies are implementing measures

Standardisation

Circular economy standards being developed in WG 10

Focusing on Terms and Definitions, Design for circular economy, product passport

Recycled content

Very important that definitions of recycling are clear and that both pre and post consumer count

Work within TC to define terms and to make sure they are accepted by: VinylPlus, CPA and Green Public Procurement