

### **Global Chromates Consortium for Aerospace (GCCA) to tackle REACH authorisation**

**Brussels, August 20, 2015 - A number of leading companies in the Aerospace and Defence Industries are launching a consortium to facilitate applications for authorisation of chromium substances used in the sector.**

**Interested parties are invited to apply for membership now.**

The companies are about to set up a consortium that will, starting from a general approach, support consortium members in their use-specific applications for authorisation.

The consortium's first meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September in Dallas, Texas.

Membership is open to any aerospace company or any company supplying this industry sector.

The technical support will be provided by Environ-Ramboll. The company was selected based on its knowledge of chemicals risk assessment and socio-economic analysis as well as for the environmental expertise and its proven capability in authorisation applications relating to chromates.

ReachCentrum has been selected as the consortium secretariat based on its experience with consortia management, especially relating to financial and communication aspects, as well as its general knowledge and understanding of the REACH legislation and established proficiency of the authorisation process in particular.

"Our aim is to bring together all relevant parties of the sector and to enable any aerospace company and its formulators to have their uses included in an application for authorisation. Companies will be encouraged to streamline efforts wherever possible. The biggest challenge will be engaging the appropriate importers of substances into Europe and persuading them to apply for authorisation" says Phil Humphries, interim chair of the GCCA authorisation consortium.

#### **Background**

Several chromate substances have been placed on Annex XIV of REACH, indicating that after the set sunset date, any use of them is prohibited unless the use has been authorized.

**Any aerospace company or its formulators as well as chemical manufacturers supplying to the sector, and particularly importers of those substances into the EEA, are invited to join the consortium.**

**Please indicate your interest as soon as possible to ReachCentrum keeping in mind that the first meeting is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September in Dallas.**

**A webex meeting designed to provide further information for potential members is planned for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00 pm BST. Please contact ReachCentrum for details.**

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**Note to editors:****About ReachCentrum**

ReachCentrum is the professional services body established originally by Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council and was acquired by ERM, the world's leading sustainability consultancy, in May 2015. ReachCentrum, helps companies fulfil the REACH requirements through their value chain. ReachCentrum provides guidance to get acquainted with the REACH requirements, managing consortia, organising workshops and delivering in-company trainings. ReachCentrum services are available for European Union and non-EU chemical manufacturing companies.

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