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Echa's Board of Appeal (BoA) has annulled the agency's decision on a registration dossier compliance check that requested identity information on a "nano-structured" substance. BoA said Echa's decision breached the principle of legal certainty, which says that administrative acts producing legal effects "should be clear so that the person concerned knows, without ambiguity, his rights and obligations" (13 December (https://chemicalwatch.com/50288/) ).

American multinational SC Johnson has agreed to "carefully review" scientific data on the synthetic musk galaxolide. The move comes amid concerns from NGOs and scientists that it is persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) (13 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50262/s) ).

The US EPA has named the persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) substances that will be subject to rapid risk management action, under the new TSCA. The agency will be taking action on decaBDE; hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD); pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP); tris(4-isopropylphenyl) phosphate (IPTPP) and 2,4,6-tris(tert-butyl) phenol (12 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50222/) ).

A backlog of pre-manufacture notices (PMNs) and increasing number of TSCA consent orders could delay new products reaching the market, says the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (Socma). According to the EPA, the provisions on new chemicals are the area of TSCA most immediately impacted by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act (12 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50221/) ).

Taiwan's EPA has issued a set of temporary regulations that will give life to a bureau on toxic substances and chemical regulation by 1 January. They aim to bolster "point of origin" control over chemical substances in food safety, and crisis response capabilities for toxic substance-related disasters (12 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50228/) ).

A joint statement encouraging formulator industries to produce sector use maps and urging Cefic member companies to include such information in new and updated REACH registration dossiers was signed at Cefic's General Assembly in Florence earlier this month (6 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50108/) ).

The implementation of Turkey's new REACH-like law, KKDIK, needs to be expedited because the country's current chemicals control law (KEK) is using a classification and labelling system that no longer exists, say industry observers (6 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50118/) ).

The European Commission is understood to be redrafting key sections of its proposed criteria for determining endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) in the context of biocides and pesticides legislation. The work follows comments received from EU member states, the European Parliament, Echa and others (6 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50087/) ).

Phthalates, flame retardants and perfluorinated chemicals are among the substances Washington state will be considering for addition to its Chemicals of High Concern to Children (CHCC) list. The release of the candidate substances comes as part of the department's rulemaking process for updating reporting requirements under its Children's Safe Products Act (CSPA) (6 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50128/) ).

Australia has published the fourth, and final, consultation paper on the proposed reforms to its chemicals agency, Nicnas. The paper outlines the overarching framework for the reforms, which are expected to be set out in new legislation (6 October (https://chemicalwatch.com/50129/) ).

In September, California's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) begun the stakeholder engagement process for selecting new priority products under its Safer Consumer Products (SCP) programme (30 September (https://chemicalwatch.com/49981/) ).

China's State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) is drafting a new chemicals safety law, following the Tianjin explosion a year ago. Li Heng of law firm Mayer Brown's Beijing office, told *Chemical Watch* the law is expected to clarify various aspects of chemicals management, including definitions and the responsibilities of different ministries, and to cover both new and existing hazardous substances (29 September (https://chemicalwatch.com/49954/) ).

Two NGOs have urged the UN Environment Programme (Unep) to use its draft review of lists of chemicals that are recognised as, or suggested to be, endocrine disrupting chemicals, as a basis for an official list. The NGOs, UK's CHEM Trust and the Center for International Environmental Law (Ciel), say that Unep and the World Health Organization (WHO) could manage, update and expand this (28 September (https://chemicalwatch.com/49900/) ).

PFOA and short-chain chlorinated paraffins warrant global action under the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs), a UN expert committee decided last week (27 September (https://chemicalwatch.com/49893/) ).

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