

**Subject: Request to inform about your intention to apply for an authorisation of the use of chromium trioxide in hard chrome plating and surface treatment by 21 July 2022**

Dear notifier,

We would like to thank you for your notification of the use of chromium trioxide in hard chrome plating and surface treatment.

We would appreciate if you informed us about your intention to apply for an authorisation for hard chrome plating. This information would help us to plan the capacity of ECHA's scientific committees to provide the opinions of the applications to underpin the decision making of the European Commission. Please inform us about your intention by 21 July 2022 using the following notification website: [Notification of intention to submit an application for authorisation](#)

We have received in total over 1000 notifications and sent them to the Member States enforcement authorities. We have also published them without confidential information on [our website](#) (see in particular "Public data on downstream user notifications").

The notifications were made based on the Commission decision C(2020)8797 and C(2020) 8735 which authorises the use of chromium trioxide in hard chrome plating and surface treatment until 21 September 2024. The authorisation holders may submit a review report by 21 March 2022 to take advantage of the transitional arrangement under REACH Regulation to allow the continued use of the substance while the opinion and decision making is ongoing. For details, please see [ECHA's press release of June 2021](#).

We have discussed recently with the representatives of the Chromium Trioxide Application Consortium Submission Consortium 2 (CTACSub2) and REACHLaw of their intentions to submit a review report and with HaPoc of their intention to submit an application for authorisation for hard chrome plating and surface treatment. Based on these discussions we understand that some of the downstream users will be covered by the review report and the application. At the same time, the situation for many is still unclear. Therefore, we are approaching you to learn what your intentions are.

If we receive many requests for Teleconference based information session, we may not have the capacity to hold them at least individually.

To avoid double counting, please do not notify your intention to apply if your plan is to have your use to be covered by the review reports of CTACSub2 and REACHLaw or by the application prepared by HaPoc.

Should you have any questions about the authorisation process, please contact the [national helpdesk](#) of your country.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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