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## Trichloroethylene and Authorisation under REACH (1997/2006)

Information letter no. 10:

**ECHA expert committees published their final opinion regarding the authorisation dossiers submitted by DOW for the continued use of Trichloroethylene (TRI)!**

Dear Mme/Sir,

This letter informs about the recent release of the final opinions of the expert committees of ECHA concerning the DOW authorisation dossiers for the continued use of TRI.

### 1. What are the current status and the next steps of the authorisation process of TRI?

In August 2014 Dow/SAFECEM submitted different applications for authorisation for the continued use of TRI. The authorisation dossiers have now been reviewed by the two expert committees of ECHA: the RAC (Risk Assessment Committee) and the SEAC (Socio-Economic Assessment Committee). On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September the two committees communicated their final opinions based on the risk for human health and the environment, or respectively the socio economic impacts of a continuous use of TRI after the sunset date versus a prohibition. These opinions are published under the following link:

<http://echa.europa.eu/addressing-chemicals-of-concern/authorisation/applications-for-authorisation-previous-consultations>

All authorisation decisions define a time-limited review period. Holders of authorizations must submit a review report at least 18 months before this review period ends. The below table provides the review periods in the final ECHA opinions for the following applications:

Application for	Review period in the final ECHA opinion
Use of Trichloroethylene <b>in industrial parts cleaning</b> by vapour degreasing (Surface cleaning) in closed systems where specific requirements exist	7 years
Use of Trichloroethylene as Extraction Solvent for Bitumen in <b>Asphalt Analysis</b>	7 years
Use of trichloroethylene in <b>packaging</b>	12 years
Use of trichloroethylene in <b>formulation</b>	12 years



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In a final step, the European Commission will officially decide whether the authorisation will be granted or not.

**2. When will Dow/SAFECEM find out when the authorisation is granted?**

Dow expects that the official decision is likely to be published at the end of 2015 or beginning of 2016, depending on the European Commission. We will closely monitor the process and keep customers informed.

**3. What do Downstream Users need to do to be covered by the authorisation of Dow?**

On the basis of the authorisation being granted to Dow as their supplier, Downstream Users need to fulfil different requirements. ECHA has also included conditions in each of the authorisations, which need to be fulfilled by the end user in order to take advantage of the authorisations.

SAFECEM will provide extended information about these specific requirements included in each application dossier shortly.

For further information please visit [www.chemaware.org](http://www.chemaware.org) or contact SAFECEM via [service@safechem-europe.com](mailto:service@safechem-europe.com).

Thank you for your support and continuous confidence into Dow and SAFECEM.

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