**New Database on Substances of Very High Concern in Articles**

**Information to be submitted**

The mandatory information required by the SCIP database, excluding information already requested by REACH, covers the following areas:

- article name;
- a primary identifier such as the European Article Number or a part number;
- article category (based on the TARIC list);
- if the article has been produced in the EU;
- linked articles;
- number of units of each linked article;
- candidate list version;
- concentration range of the substance;
- material or mixture category.

Additional information can also be submitted, in order to facilitate the identification of the article such as other identifiers, a picture, a characteristic (height, length, colour, etc.)

Disassembling instructions of an article can also be provided to the users of the database.

**Tight Timelines and High Degree of Detail Required**

The two most challenging points of this database are its **broad scope** and the **short timeline** to prepare this information.

The database will require more information than before, on all articles in products placed on the internal market, if the article contains SVHCs in a concentration above 0.1%, weight by weight.

For an importer, this will result in collecting all the requested information from suppliers, ensuring the information is accurate, and entering it in the database, article by article. The SCIP database will require additional information, on top of the information currently requested for the REACH notification. Details on the scope can be found in this guidance document issued by ECHA.

We advise you to communicate with your suppliers as soon as possible on this new obligation in order to facilitate the collection of information once the database is available. A step-by-step guidance should be published by the end of this year by ECHA and a demo version of the database will be available in the 1st Quarter 2020. We will however not have the complete information regarding the implementation and the enforcement of the obligations until the Member States transpose the Waste Framework Directive into national law, by July 2020.
The database itself will only be available from October 2020, and all companies placing products on the market are required to enter the information in the database as it comes into effect on 5 January 2021, which leaves only a few months to enter the information.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Environmental policy advisor at florence.sarrazin@amfori.org.