

Plasticisers industry calls for streamlined chemical regulation at EU and national level

Brussels, 10 December 2014: Representatives from the entire flexible PVC value chain met this week at the Plasticisers Conference 2014 to discuss the latest developments in the sector. Participants agreed on the need for improved coordination amongst EU and national regulators to guarantee a competitive level playing field for the entire chemical industry.

“Bringing a plasticiser to the market is an arduous and lengthy process for companies who have made significant investments over the years. It’s essential we can operate in a stable regulatory and political environment”, explained Dr Stéphane Content, General Manager of the European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediate.

“We provide essential substances to manufacture an endless number of everyday products which make our life easier, more comfortable. To stay in business, European and national regulators must work together to avoid duplications and overlaps which may have a detrimental effect on our industry,” Content added.

At the conference, there were presentations by representatives from industry associations, NGOs, research centers and universities, sustainability programmes as well as from plasticiser producers and manufacturing companies. Special attention was given to recent regulatory developments affecting the chemical industry at large, such as REACH and RoHS, but also to scientific projects on biomonitoring, epidemiology and toxicology.

“The entire flexible PVC value-chain must work together to guarantee a promising and thriving future for our industry. This conference is a great occasion to exchange information and ideas with other experts, we welcome this opportunity to interact with our peers,” concluded ECPI’s manager.

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About ECPI: The European Council for Plasticisers and Intermediates is a Brussels-based trade association representing the common interests of European manufacturers of plasticisers, alcohols and phthalic anhydride. Member companies are BASF, Deza, Evonik, ExxonMobil, Grupa Azoty and Perstorp. ECPI is a sector group of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, which represents the interests of the European chemical industry.

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