

Annex 15 Restriction Report Proposal for a restriction

Substances in tattoo ink and permanent make-up

Annex

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Covering note

If the Agency demonstrates that a substance or group of substances poses an unacceptable risk to human health and/or the environment in GB it can propose a restriction under UK REACH to address these risks. In doing so it will demonstrate that the proposed restriction is a proportionate measure to address this risk for GB.

In the case of tattoo inks, the Agency is proposing a restriction on hazardous substances present in tattoo inks and PMU as a precautionary measure to address potential risks to human health as there is currently no legislation in GB that addresses the risks presented by insertion into the skin of these substances.

Where restrictions are being proposed because a similar measure has been proposed for the EU or has been introduced by the EU, the Agency does not intend to replicate the work carried out by the EU where this is relevant for GB. The Agency will therefore seek to use relevant EU documents to inform its restriction work and will include these documents as an Annex in the dossier of information that supports the restriction proposal.

In the case of the proposed restriction on substances in tattoo inks and permanent make-up (PMU), the work carried out by the EU to assess the hazards and risks of substances that may be present in these products is relevant for GB. This work is described in detail in the Annexes to ECHA's background document (ECHA, 2019c) and the final RAC/SEAC opinion on this restriction proposal (ECHA, 2019d). These two documents are therefore being provided in this Annex.

Document 1 in this Annex comprises the Annexes to ECHA's background document (ECHA, 2019c). This document provides the hazard and risk assessments for the various hazardous substances and groups of hazardous substances that may be present in tattoo inks. ECHA (2019c) also provides the scientific justifications for the approach the Agency is proposing for GB under restriction options 1 (RO1) and 2 (RO2).

Document 2 in this Annex comprises the final RAC/SEAC opinion (ECHA, 2019d). This document provides the scientific justifications for the approach the Agency is proposing for GB under restriction option 3 (RO3).

Document 1: ECHA (2019c)

Please see the file:

Document 1 ECHA 2019c rest_tattoo_inks_bd_final_annex_12671_en

Document 2: ECHA (2019d)

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Document 2 ECHA 2019d rest_tattoo_inks_opinion_final_12673_en