



# Annex 15 report

## Proposal for identification of a substance of very high concern (SVHC) under UK REACH

Substance Name: Bis( $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide

EC Number: 201-279-3

CAS Number: 80-43-3

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# 1. Proposal

**Substance name:** Bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide

**EC number:** 201-279-3

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The substance is proposed to be identified as a substance meeting the criteria of Article 57 (c) of UK REACH owing to its classification in the hazard class toxic for reproduction category 1B<sup>1</sup>.

## **Summary of how the substance meets the criteria set out in Article 57 of UK REACH**

Bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide is included in the GB Mandatory Classification and Labelling (MCL) list. It is covered by the entry with index number 617-006-00-X and classified in the hazard class toxic for reproduction category 1B (H360D; May damage the unborn child).

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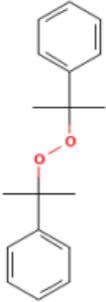
<sup>1</sup> Classification in accordance with section 3.7 of Annex I to the retained Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended for Great Britain (hereinafter referred to as GB CLP).

## 2. Justification

### 2.1 Identity of the substance and physical and chemical properties

#### 2.1.1 Name and other identifiers of the substance

**Table 1: Substance identity**

EC number:	201-279-3
EC name:	Bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide
CAS number (in the EC inventory):	80-43-3
IUPAC name:	1,1'-(dioxyp propane-2,2-diyl)dibenzene
Index number in GB MCL List	617-006-00-X
Molecular formula:	$C_{18}H_{22}O_2$ $(C_6H_5C(CH_3)_2O)_2$
Molecular weight range:	270.4 g/mol
Synonyms:	Dicumyl peroxide
Structural formula:	
Substance type:	mono-constituent

Data source: EU Annex 15 report [ECHA \(2024\)](#)

### 2.1.2 Composition of the substance

Impurities and/or additives are not relevant for SVHC identification of the substance.

### 2.1.3 Identity and composition of degradation products/metabolites relevant for the SVHC assessment

Not relevant for the identification of the substance as a SVHC in accordance with Article 57 (c) of UK REACH.

### 2.1.4 Identity and composition of structurally related substances (used in grouping or read-across approach)

Not relevant for the identification of the substance as a SVHC in accordance with Article 57 (c) of UK REACH.

### 2.1.5 Physicochemical properties

Not relevant for the identification of the substance as a SVHC in accordance with Article 57 (c) of UK REACH.

## 2.2 Mandatory classification and labelling

**Table 2: Mandatory classification in the GB MCL list**

Index No	International Chemical Identification	EC No	CAS No	GB MCL list Classification		Aligned with EU CLH <sup>a</sup>
				Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement code(s)	Y/N
617-006-00-X	Bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide	201-279-3	80-43-3	Org. Perox. F Repr. 1B Skin Irrit. 2 Eye Irrit. 2 Aquatic Chronic 2	H242 H360D H315 H319 H411	Y

<sup>a</sup> EU CLH is harmonised classification and labelling in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

## **2.3 Human health hazard assessment**

Please see Section 2.2 (mandatory classification and labelling).

## **2.4 Conclusions on the SVHC properties**

### **2.4.1 CMR assessment**

Bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide is covered by the entry with index number 617-006-00-X in the GB MCL list and is classified in the hazard class toxic for reproduction category 1B (H360D; May damage the unborn child).

Therefore, the substance satisfies the criterion in Article 57(c) of UK REACH.

## 3. Information on use, exposure and alternatives

### 3.1 UK and EU REACH registration status and tonnage

The substance is registered under UK REACH with an aggregated tonnage of 10 - 100 tonnes per annum (tpa). In addition, 62 Downstream User Import Notifications (DUINs<sup>2</sup>) have been submitted.

Under EU REACH, the substance is registered with an aggregated tonnage of  $\geq 10,000$  to  $< 100,000$  tonnes<sup>3</sup> (15 active EU registrants).

### 3.2 General description of uses and exposure

The substance is reportedly used at industrial sites as a processing aid and cross-linker in polymers. Information suggests it may be present in articles, including those used by consumers, as a flame retardant ([ECHA, 2024](#)).

### 3.3 Alternatives

In an Assessment of Regulatory Needs report ([ECHA, 2023](#)), bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl) peroxide was assessed as a member of the group "organic peroxides". Other organic peroxides listed were: EC numbers 201-128-1; 203-733-6; 213-944-5; 218-664-7; 220-479-1; 222-389-8; 234-042-8; 246-678-3; 410-840-3; 412-140-3. ECHA's Annex 15 report ([ECHA, 2024](#)) suggested that some of these group members could be possible alternatives. HSE does not have any additional information on this.

### 3.4 Additional information

No additional relevant information available.

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<sup>2</sup> GB-based companies who imported substances from EU-based suppliers before UK REACH became law on 1 January 2021 had no EU REACH registration obligations as they were classed as Downstream Users (DUs). As they are now importers from outside of GB, they may have registration obligations under UK REACH. However, a transitional measure allows former DUs to suspend the registration until one of three deadlines (depending on tonnage and hazard). Where the identity of these imported substances was known, they could be included in a Downstream User Import Notification (DUIN) submitted to the Agency.

<sup>3</sup> ECHA Chemicals database; ECHA CHEM <https://chem.echa.europa.eu/>

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# Glossary of terms used in Agency Annex 15 report

## Agency, the HSE

<b>CLH</b>	Harmonised Classification and Labelling
<b>CLP</b>	Classification, labelling and packaging
<b>DBMC</b>	6,6'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-methylenedi-p-cresol
<b>DUIN</b>	Downstream User Import Notifications
<b>ECHA</b>	European Chemicals Agency
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>HSE</b>	Health and Safety Executive
<b>MCL</b>	Mandatory Classification and Labelling
<b>RAC</b>	Committee for Risk Assessment
<b>REACH</b>	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals regulation
<b>RMOA</b>	Risk management options analysis
<b>SVHC</b>	Substance of very high concern





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