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## Press Release:

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### **Acrylamide included in the REACH Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation**

Today the European Chemicals Agency has added Acrylamide (EC No 201-173-7 and CAS No 79-06-1)<sup>1</sup> to the Candidate List of Substances Very High Concern (SVHC) for Authorisation. Companies who manufacture or import this substance need to check their potential obligations that result from the listing. A short summary of the obligations is available on ECHA's website.

The decision as to whether Acrylamide needs to be subjected to authorisation will be taken later.

### **Further Information:**

**Summary of the obligations linked to the Candidate List:**

[http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/authorisation\\_process/candidate\\_list\\_obligations\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process/candidate_list_obligations_en.asp)

**Authorisation process:**

[http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/authorisation\\_process\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/authorisation_process_en.asp)

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<sup>1</sup> The inclusion of acrylamide in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation was temporarily suspended by the General Court of the European Union. On 26 March 2010 the President of the General Court of the European Union dismissed the application for interim measures in Case T-1/10 R requesting the suspension of the inclusion of acrylamide in the Candidate List.

## Information on acrylamide

SUBSTANCE NAME	EC NUMBER	CAS NUMBER	REASON FOR SVHC IDENTIFICATION
Acrylamide	201-173-7	79-06-1	Carcinogen, category 2; Mutagen, category 2
<b>Potential uses*:</b> Acrylamide is almost exclusively used for the synthesis of polyacrylamides, which are used in various applications, in particular in waste water treatment and paper processing. Minor uses of acrylamide comprise the preparation of polyacrylamide gels for research purposes and as a grouting agent in civil engineering.			

\* As provided in the Annex XV dossier for identification as SVHC and during public consultation.