

Call for evidence on the opportunities in substituting fuels/oils for lamps and grill lighter fluids classified R65 or H304

Background document

ECHA has been requested by the European Commission on 5th of May 2014, in line with paragraph 6 of entry 3 of Annex XVII to REACH, to prepare an Annex XV restriction dossier, with a view to ban, if appropriate, grill lighters fluids and fuels for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, intended to be supplied for the general public. Depending on the availability of feasible and safer alternatives to the R65 and H304 labelled fuels for the above mentioned uses, and a potential need for EU-wide action, ECHA may initiate the restriction process suggesting further amendment of the specific restriction provision.

The objective of this call for evidence is to identify uses for grill lighters fluids and fuels for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, where the substitution maybe challenging or where further information is required from as many relevant stakeholders as possible for the preparation of the review of the previously mentioned restriction.

This call for evidence targets interested parties such as companies, (suppliers, distributors, importers etc.), trade associations and any other stakeholders holding relevant information on:

- (a) current uses (quantities, composition etc.) of grill lighter fluids and fuels/oils for decorative lamps, labelled R65 or H304, intended for supply to the general public and
- (b) available alternatives in the EU market (e.g. price, advantages etc.)

This review aims at encouraging the use of safer substances for the above mentioned purposes while stimulating competitiveness in the chemicals sector. Therefore, anyone who could be affected by this possible restriction or who holds relevant information is kindly invited to provide responses to the specific questionnaire before 30 August 2014. If you have already submitted information in the context of this work, there is no need to resubmit it by answering this call for evidence.

For any clarifications on completing the questionnaire, please contact: restriction-survey@echa.europa.eu .