Subject: REACH Authorisations granted for certain Hexavalent Chromium Compound Aerospace and Defence uses

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Overview

The GCCA-sponsored authorisations for chromium trioxide and sodium chromate entered into force (‘date of adoption’) in the EU (and wider EEA) on 29 October 2019 and potassium dichromate entered into force on 5 November 2019. The entry into force of the sodium dichromate authorisation is expected to follow shortly.

Further, during the 19-20 November REACH Committee Meeting, the GCCA-sponsored authorisations for dichromium (tris)chromate and strontium chromate were voted on and approved by the European Commission’s REACH Committee. These are expect to enter into force in 1Q2020. GCCA will communicate when this occurs.

Detailed descriptions of the specific uses covered by the GCCA’s REACH authorisations are included in Table 1.

Table 1. Specific uses covered by approved GCCA REACH authorisations

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<td>Chromium trioxide¹</td>
<td>1333-82-0 / 215-607-8</td>
<td>Chemical conversion and slurry coating applications by the aerospace sector¹², where any of the following key functionalities or properties is necessary for the intended use: corrosion resistance, active corrosion inhibition, adhesion promotion and reproducibility (for chemical conversion coating), corrosion protection, heat resilience, hot corrosion resistance, resistance to humidity and hot water, thermal shock resistance, adhesion and flexibility (for slurry coating)³</td>
<td>Wesco (Application ID 0096-01), Commission Implementing Decision, Official Journal Entry</td>
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<td>Sodium chromate</td>
<td>7775-11-3 / 231-889-5</td>
<td>Formulation of mixtures for sealing after anodizing, chemical conversion coating, pickling and etching applications by the aerospace sector²</td>
<td>Boeing Distribution, Inc. (formerly Aviall) and Wesco (Application ID 0099-01 and 0099-02)</td>
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¹ This authorisation covers only liquid formulations
² Aerospace sector includes companies principally engaged in carrying out the design, development, manufacture, maintenance, modification, overhaul, repair, or support of civil or military aerospace and defence equipment, systems, or structures, plus any derivative uses.
³ The authorisation for the use of chromium trioxide is not granted for chemical conversion and slurry coating applications by the aerospace sector where none of the key functionalities listed in the use is necessary for the intended use.
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<td>7778-50-9 / 231-906-6</td>
<td><strong>Sealing after anodizing applications</strong> by the aerospace sector(^2), where the key functionalities of corrosion resistance or corrosion inhibition are necessary for the intended use(^5)</td>
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<td>Sodium dichromate</td>
<td>10588-01-9 and 7789-12-0 / 234-190-3</td>
<td><strong>Sealing after anodizing applications</strong> by the aerospace sector(^2), where the key functionalities of corrosion resistance or corrosion inhibition are necessary for the intended use(^6)</td>
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<td>Dichromium (tris) chromate</td>
<td>24613-89-6 / 246-356-2</td>
<td><strong>Chemical conversion coating applications</strong> by aerospace and defence sector where any of the following key functionalities or properties is necessary for the intended use: corrosion resistance, active corrosion inhibition, adhesion promotion, chemical resistance, layer thickness, electrical properties(^7)</td>
<td>Wesco (Application ID 0116-01)</td>
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<td>Strontium chromate</td>
<td>7789-06-2 / 232-142-6</td>
<td>Use in <strong>primers applied by aerospace and defence sector</strong> where any of the following key functionalities or properties is necessary for the intended use: corrosion resistance, active corrosion inhibition, adhesion promotion, thermal shock resistance and chemical resistance(^8)</td>
<td>Wesco; PPG; and Cytec (Application ID 0117-01)</td>
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\(^4\) The authorisation for the use of sodium chromate for sealing after anodizing, chemical conversion coating, pickling and etching applications by the aerospace sector is not granted for this use where none of the key functionalities listed in the use is necessary.

\(^5\) The authorisation for the use of potassium dichromate is not granted for sealing after anodizing applications by the aerospace sector where none of the key functionalities listed are necessary for the intended use.

\(^6\) The authorisation for the use of sodium dichromate is not granted for sealing after anodizing applications by the aerospace sector where none of the key functionalities listed are necessary for the intended use.

\(^7\) The authorisation for the use of dichromium (tris)chromate is not granted for chemical conversion coating applications by the aerospace and defence sector where none of the key functionalities listed are necessary for the intended use.

\(^8\) The authorisation for the use of strontium chromate is not granted for primer applications by the aerospace and defence sector where none of the key functionalities listed are necessary for the intended use.
For the Authorisations that have entered into force, relevant products supplied by the applicants, Wesco and Boeing Distribution, Inc.\(^9\) (formerly Aviall), will be labelled to indicate the appropriate Authorisation Number and an updated SDS containing the relevant exposure scenarios will be supplied within the required 3-month timeframe.

**Future Developments**

Please prepare your own organisation and forward this communication and any future communications to your customers and suppliers that might be impacted by these authorisations. You can track decisions by the European Commission relating to these applications for authorisation at the ECHA website ([Adopted opinions and previous consultations on applications for authorisation](https://echa.europa.eu/)) or through Wesco Aircraft or Boeing Distribution, Inc. (formerly Aviall).

Please refer to previous communications from GCCA for overview on the legal requirements for downstream users of authorised substances ([GCCA News Bulletin No. 2019-01](https://ramboll.com/media/gcca) and [No. 2019-02](https://ramboll.com/media/gcca)). We expect to provide further communications in due course to keep you informed about the process and resources that may assist you to understand and address your obligations. Information is also available on the GCCA Website ([https://ramboll.com/media/gcca](https://ramboll.com/media/gcca)). Should you wish to be kept informed and/or should you have immediate questions, please contact:

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\(^9\) Boeing Distribution, Inc. is also an applicant for additional chromate authorisations, including Chromium trioxide (0032-01, 0032-02, 0032-03, 0032-04, 0032-05, 0032-06), Strontium chromate (0046-01, 0046-02), Potassium hydroxyoctaoxodizincatedichromate (0047-01, 0047-02), and Pentazinc chromate octahydroxide (0118-01, 0118-02).

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