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EATS (European Automotive Trim Suppliers)

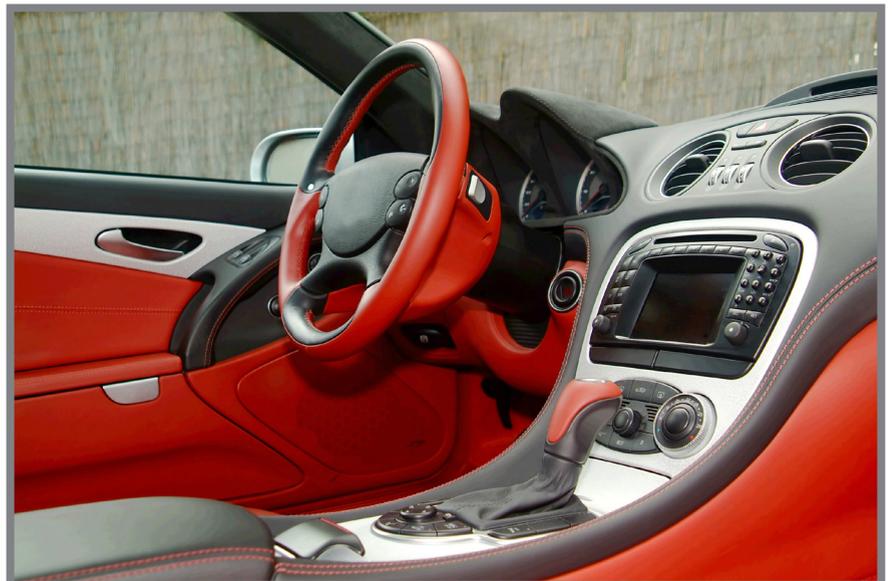
On November 18th 2014, the European Automotive Trim Suppliers association (EATS) shall convene there bi-annual general assembly in Brussels in order to discuss progress on a VinylPlus funded project concerning the use of recycled PVC in the automotive sector. EATS last convened such a meeting in Rome on May 7th 2014, on the occasion of the Vinyl Sustainability Forum and participated actively in the forum. In addition to the VinylPlus funded project, EATS is also engaged in providing input to the automotive PVC value chain on the latest regulatory issues, such as REACH developments. EATS is a European association that aims to represent and defend the interests of European suppliers of plastics sheets and foils for automotive interior trimming as well as to carry out scientific and economic studies relating to the common interest of the profession. More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org

PlasFuelSys (European Plastic Fuel Tanks and Fuel Systems Association)

On September 17th PlasFuelSys, a sector group of **EuPC**, held one of its quarterly meetings in Brussels to discuss the latest in safety tests for fuel tanks and fuel systems. Also on the agenda for the day was the latest REACH developments affecting the automotive sector. PlasFuelSys is the European Plastic Fuel Tanks and Fuel Systems Association. Its mission is to represent and promote the interest of the Automotive Plastic Fuel Tanks and Systems industry, providing a common voice to the market and its institutions. For more info about PlasFuelSys please visit <http://www.plasfuelsys.org> More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org

Waste review & ELVs

On July 2nd 2014, the European Commission published a legislative proposal for a circular economy. This proposal for a directive would amend the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC) and the landfill directive (1999/31/EC). The greatest changes in these three directives would be a significant increase in recycling targets (PPWD would increase to 45% by 2020 and 60% by 2030; WFD would increase to 50% by 2020 and 70% by 2030) and the methodology used for calculating the recycling targets (a change from input to output). In addition to these three directives, the circular economy proposal also amends reporting and monitoring rules in **the End of Life Vehicles Directive (2000/53/EC)**, the batteries directive (2006/66/EC) and the WEEE Directive (2012/19/EU). The European Parliament is due to appoint a Rapporteur from the S&D group at the end of September and will begin work on a Report based on the circular economy legislative proposal. It is expected that a draft report will be voted on at Committee level by the end of 2014/early 2015. **EuPC** will continue to follow developments and discuss the provisions of the circular economy proposal with members of the European Parliament. More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org



NEW EU Commission

On Wednesday September 10th 2014, European Commission President-elect Jean Claude Juncker announced his official college of Commissioners and their corresponding portfolios. Big changes include the merging of Environment with Maritime Affairs/Fisheries and the merging of Internal Market and Industry. The actual structure of the college has also changed, with Commission vice presidents taking a greater role than in previous colleges. The Commissioner-designates are still subject to approval by the European Parliament and oral hearings will commence on October 2nd when Commissioner designates can expect a grilling by their relevant committees. More info: Alexandre.Dangis@eupc.org

Composites and Fibre glass trading

"Composites for Europe" set up as coalition to fight import duties on glass fibres. On Tuesday 9th September 2014 several companies gathered together at the offices of **EuPC** to get organized as a coalition to oppose the EU Anti-dumping & Anti-subsidy proceedings against filament glass fibre products from China. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proceedings on several cases and establish a strong coalition to meet with the EU Commission and member states. The Commission is expected to publish its findings in a few weeks. NPAs are requested to look urgently into this file. More info: Alexandre.Dangis@eupc.org

EuPC Annual Meeting 2014

On June 5th 2014, **EuPC** held its annual assembly at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Brussels. The **EuPC** Automotive & Transport division had a panel of speakers comprised of: Mr. Philippe Jean (Deputy-Chief negotiator, TTIP, European Commission); Dr. Peter Kunze (ACEA); Dr. Leonidas Dokos (Frost & Sullivan); Mr. Roland van Giesen (SABIC) and Mr. Sergio Fita (AIMPLAS). During the annual meeting the European Commission discussed regulatory harmonization in the automotive sector and highlighted that EU safety standards would not be lowered in any way through the TTIP agreement. Other presentations highlighted the environmental benefits of using lightweight plastic automotive components, the use of such components increases fuel efficiency and often offers far superior performance to other materials. More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org



REACH Update

All Plastics Converters must be aware of the importance of the final CLP deadline on 1 June 2015 when **all** Mixtures have to be classified according to the **CLP rules**: classifications may change and Safety Data Sheets will be modified accordingly. The REACH **Candidate List** now counts 155 substances plus a public consultation running for 10 more; the Authorization List **Annex XIV** counts 31 substances with 5 more being recommended and 22 on public consultation. For Azodicarbonamide **EuPC** set up a Consortium of ADCA Plastics Users. A Voluntary Commitment is proposed as an alternative to Authorisation. Formaldehyde has been reclassified from carcinogenic 2 to 1B resulting in new labelling requirements, exposure limits and emission thresholds entering into force on 1 April 2015. The Risk Assessment- and the Socio-Economic Assessment Committees of the EU Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have drawn a first positive opinion on the recycled DEHP Authorisation Application dossier suggesting a 7-year Authorisation. More info: Walter.Claes@eupc.org

EuPC Calendar Events & Meetings

09-10-2014	EuPC RMC	Brussels - Belgium
10-10-2014	EuPC B&C Technical Committee	Brussels - Belgium
15-10-2014	EuPC MEF	Sofia - Bulgaria
16-10-2014	EuPC MEF/PE	Sofia - Bulgaria
25-11-2014	EuPC Packaging Excom	Brussels - Belgium
26-11-2014	EuPC Steering Committee	Brussels - Belgium
21&22-05-2015	EuPC Annual Meeting	Poland