

This edition contains

Latest state-of-affairs on:

- Iron Platform (IP)
- Iron Oxides REACH Consortium (IORC)
- REACH Ferrous Slags Consortium (RFSC)
- Boron Consortium (BCSL)
- REACH for Coal Chemicals (R4CC) Consortium
- German BAUA considers slabs being preparations
- EUROFER Chemicals Policy Forum - Chemicals Policy Co-ordinator
- New EUROFER Guidances

Iron Platform (IP)

Dossier submission:

The Iron - covering elemental iron, iron produced in a blast furnace or direct reduction plant, iron powders and carbonyl iron - the iron sinter and iron ores, agglomerates (pellets) and mill scale dossiers have been submitted this month with approval by ECHA.

Guidance:

Guidance documents for IUCLID 5 sections 1 and 3 - iron, furnace, iron powders, mill scale, sinter and iron ores, agglomerates (pellets) developed by the LR and the IP secretariat - can be found in the IP website: <http://www.iron-consortium.org/home.html>. The Guidance document for the individual registrants of elemental iron is still under development.

I5z substance files and use files for section 3.5 can be downloaded from the IP website: <http://www.iron-consortium.org/home.html>

The IP hosted the second webinar on September 27th 2010 tackling the following issues:

- completing chapters 1 and 3 of IUCLID 5.2
- creating substance and dossier files
- submission of dossier

Now that the dossiers have been submitted to ECHA, the IP TWG can move to a less frequent meeting cycle, probably three monthly. There is a need for its continued existence amongst others on the ongoing activity with the Fe EQS project - latest test data are being evaluated - and the CLP assessment of iron ore.

Online access to the IP IUCLID website will be provided until the end of February 2011. After this date, the dossiers will be hosted by the respective Lead Registrants. The main IP website will be kept going for the foreseeable future as long as there is a need for it (Letters of Access could be needed out to 2018).

Further information: ipia@pigiron.org.uk (= e-mail address Chris Barrington); D.Croon@eurofer.be e

Iron Oxides REACH Consortium (IORC)

The token has been distributed for the following compounds:

- Diiron trioxide
- Triiron tetraoxide
- Iron hydroxide oxide
- Iron manganese trioxide
- Manganese ferrite black spinel
- Zinc ferrite

The dossier is nearly ready. It will no longer be discussed. The license agreement for access to the Pauluhn studies was signed. The IORC has now legal access to these studies.

Further information: ipia@pigiron.org.uk ;
buthe.a@salzgitter-ag.de;

REACH Ferrous Slags Consortium (RFSC)

Registration progress

All five registration dossiers for the slags "Slag Blast Furnace", "Slag Converter", "Electrical Arc Furnace Slag Carbon", "Electrical Arc Furnace Slag Stainless" as well as "Slag Steelmaking" have been finalised.

ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe as Lead Registrant submitted the dossiers for *Slag Blast Furnace*, *Slag Converter* and *Slag Steelmaking*, to ECHA in calendar week 38 (week of 20 September) and is going to pay the registration fees. The dossiers are now under the examination by ECHA. The respond from ECHA concerning the submission is expected at the beginning of October 2010.

ThyssenKrupp Nirosta as Lead Registrant for *Electrical Arc Furnace Slag Stainless* and Badische Stahlwerke Kehl as Lead Registrant for *Electrical Arc Furnace Slag Carbon* are ready to submit their dossiers. Submission is planned for calendar week 39 (week of 27 September).

Tokens, Guidance for individual registration, General Assembly

The purpose of the security tokens is to ensure the definite association of the Lead and the Members in the Joint Submission. The tokens were sent out to all consortium members by the Lead Registrants in July and new tokens can be ordered at any time by the corresponding Lead Registrant. The member registrants of the Reach-Ferrous Slag-Consortium (RFSC) can now proceed to create and submit their own IUCLID dossiers. A guidance concerning how to fill out IUCLID 5 sections 1 and 3 will be provided by the consortium in calendar week 39 (week of 27 September).

The next General Assembly will take place on 7th October 2010 at the German Steel Institute in Düsseldorf.

SIEF

Dossier Access for all SIEF-Members will be available via LoA (Letter of Access). The REACH-Ferrous Slag-Consortium has prepared an "AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO DATA" for the registration under the REACH Regulation 1907/2006/EC which will be the basis to get information on the dossier issues like IUCLID 5 file, CSR and Guidance on Safety Use.

Further information: ursula.gerigk@thyssenkrupp.com ;
anne.schaper@thyssenkrupp.com

Boron Consortium (BCSL)

On 30th June 2010, at a meeting organised by EUROFER, the founding members for the establishment of a Boron consortium - being the companies GfE-MIR, ArcelorMittal, Dadong Lifeng Si-Mg Co. Ltd and Salzgitter AG - agreed to select Papillon Mineral Services - company managed by Chris Barrington - as Boron consortium secretariat and Harlan Laboratories as consultant for doing the pre-data gap analysis for Boron and it's CLP notification. These decisions were taken on the basis of the information collected by the EUROFER REACH secretariat. All appropriate information was transferred from the EUROFER REACH secretariat to Chris Barrington who meanwhile founded the company Boron Consortium Services Limited (BCSL) that will manage the Boron consortium. Currently, Mr Barrington is working on the consortium agreement and is proceeding with the formalities of BCSL. The consortium will address FeB and NiB. Early registration (2013) is envisaged. The pre-data gap analysis for Boron and CLP notification is ongoing. Some feedback from the Harlan laboratories is expected in the latter part of October. This will also depend on how many references they find.

Further information: ipia@pigiron.org.uk;
D.Croon@eurofer.be

REACH for Coal Chemicals (R4CC) Consortium

The dossiers for "Coal Tar" and "Light oil (coal); coke-oven" have been finalised and the consortium members are in receipt of the dossiers for approval. The submission of the dossiers will be carried out by the Lead Registrants as soon as the approval for the dossiers has been given by the consortium members. All pre-registrants will be invited to enter as joint submission partner.

The scope of both registration dossiers is limited to the requirements for transported intermediates under strictly controlled conditions. A model letter to ask partners in the supply chain confirming strictly controlled conditions is available on the homepage of the R4CC (www.r4cc.org).

Further information: ursula.gerigk@thyssenkrupp.com;
anne.schaper@thyssenkrupp.com

German BAUA considers slabs being preparations

As already reported (see previous newsletter), the German BAUA regard slabs as preparations. Meanwhile, the so-called REDEKER study, commissioned by the German Steel Industry confirms that slabs are articles. Furthermore, the Commissioner for Environment Mr Potočnik provided on 24/08/2010 a formal reply to a Parliamentary question (from Mr Lange), acknowledging ECHA's views that slabs are articles. BAUA will address the issue once more at the next meeting of HelpNet (Helpdesks network of competent

authorities) on 28/09/2010. BAUA stated that if a majority of Member States in HelpNet support the position that slabs are articles, BAUA will accept even if it does not have that opinion. The EUROFER REACH secretariat has provided its members with the necessary information/documents, asking them to do the necessary towards their representatives in HelpNet.

Further information:
norbert.hatscher@vdeh.de; T.Newson@eurofer.be;
D.Croon@eurofer.be

EUROFER Chemicals Policy Forum - Chemicals Policy Co-ordinator

In order to deal in an efficient way with the EU Chemicals Policy beyond 2010 (amongst others REACH and CLP) applicable to the European Iron and Steel Industry, the proposal was made to transform the existing EUROFER REACH Forum into a EUROFER Chemicals Policy Forum consisting out of:

- a Chemicals Policy Steering Group;
- a Chemicals Policy Cluster WG that will agree on the strategy, taking the decisions; and
- a Chemicals Expert WG (technical experts)

It is envisaged that the EUROFER Chemicals Policy Co-ordinator would be responsible for the day to day operation of the EUROFER Chemicals Policy Forum and report to the EUROFER Deputy Environment Director. Ms. Maria Miguel Diez, REACH and Environment Policy Assistant will leave EUROFER by mid October 2010. In order to secure continuity in the EUROFER activities related to Chemicals Policy, meanwhile, Ms. Ainara Urionabarrenetxea Eskurtza (Spanish) was hired as Chemicals Policy Co-ordinator.

New EUROFER Guidances

The EUROFER REACH secretariat established the following guidances to be found on the EUROFER REACH website:

- Guidance on Purchasing Letters of Access (LoA); it should be used in combination with the EUROFER .xls file, providing an overview on the LoA of steel related substances;
- Steel related guidance document on CLP Notification and Classification; and
- An overview of the information/guidance provided by the different consortia to the member registrants for their individual registrations

Further information: T.Newson@eurofer.be;
D.Croon@eurofer.be