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ESTAL has a strong Lobbying activity, through a specialized body: the Joint Technical Committee (JTC).

Permanent members of this Committee are Estal and the quality label organizations Qualicoat, Qualanod and GSB. Depending on the issues at hand, other parties are invited to attend.

The Mission statement of the JTC is the following: *“The JTC role is to monitor and, where possible, influence all politico-technical developments linked to the ESTAL mission and the quality of Aluminium Surface Treatment.”* Discussions on Quality label issues are not within the scope of this Committee.




ESTAL is monitoring issues of European legislations and regulatory provisions which are of importance to ESTAL members.

Through ESTAL’s adherence to the Orgalime Partnership Programme, the Technical Coordinator takes part in several of Orgalime’s task forces, such as the Task Force Substances (REACH, RoHS, etc.), Task Force Industrial Emissions (IED, IPPC, BREF, BAT, etc.), Task Force CPR (Construction Products Regulation, CE-marking, Declaration of Performance, ...).



For specific issues, our association cooperates with European Trade Associations such as the European Aluminium Association, Eurometaux, CEFIC, CEPE, Nickel Institute..

**Hereafter are some recent developments concerning issues at hand**  
(Latest update : January 2014)


## Issues of interest to aluminium surface finishers

What does the colour means?	
	<i>Red. Situation of high concern</i>
	<i>Yellow: ESTAL is watching this topic</i>
	<i>Green: No action needed</i>


### REACH :

-  REACH Annex XIV (Authorization list) contains hexavalent chromium : Cr6 to be banned by 21.09.2017 unless company specific authorization granted by Commission, latest application date for authorization is 21.03.2016
-  REACH-Evaluation : TiO2 is to be 'evaluated' in 2014 (dossier prepared by France) concerning its possible svhc properties :


### REACH and Nanomaterials :

-  Community-wide nano-register ? Commission aims to launch a consultation in spring 2014


### Construction Products Regulation :

-  Surface treatment is not a construction product, but a coated or anodized aluminium profile is one - input to DoP's will be required from surface treatment suppliers - e.g. hEN 1090


### EU Ecolabel / Green Public Procurement :

-  Criteria for GPP / Ecolabel to be finalized in 2014 for office buildings

### Ecodesign Directive :

-  Ecodesign preparatory study on Window Products is ongoing, might result in comparison of energy efficiencies and in ecolabel requirements for aluminium

### Environmental Footprint :

-  Call for volunteers (expected in january 2014) to start pilot projects of Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) and Organisation Environmental Footprint (OEP) methodologies

### **REACH :**



Commission Roadmap : inclusion of all known relevant svhc's in the C.L. by 2020, ECHA's implementation plan to be based on Risk Management Option (RMO) analysis

### **REACH and Nanomaterials :**



Commission decided to postpone release of impact assessment and publication of draft legislation proposal for nano-specific rules under REACH

### **Industrial Emissions Directive :**



Review of BREF STM (Surface Treatment of Metals and Plastics) : Technical Working Group to be re-activated in 2016 - ESTAL is represented on that TWG

### **Ecodesign Directive :**



Awaiting final study report on the review of the MEErP methodology: Methodology for the Eodesign of Energy-related products – such as windows)

## **REACH :**



Candidate List (C.L.) : seven new svhc's added on 16 december 2013, C.L. now contains 151 substances



ECHA updated its Guidance for Downstream Users on 5.12.2013.

## **Industrial Emissions Directive :**

Article 13 Forum decisions on IED Work Programme on BREFs :



Review of BREF on Waste Treatment Plants is ongoing : EIPPC Bureau will release questionnaire in april 2014, BREF review to be finalised in 2016



Review of BREF STS (Surface Treatment using organic Solvents) : scheduled to be re-activated in 2014 - of minor importance for powder coating or anodising

## **Construction Products Regulation :**



Final text of the European Commission Delegated Act on the conditions for making a DoP of construction products available on a website (art 7.3 of the CPR) : waiting final approval by Plenary EP, Council and later publication.



Commission Implementing Regulation (EU 1062/2013) on the format of the European Technical Assessment : published in OJEU 289/42, update of assessments by the EOTA

## **EU Ecolabel / Green Public Procurement :**



Commission might undertake a revision of the Ecolabel Regulation, taking into account results of environmental footprint methodologies

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