

ECHA proposal for the restriction of intentionally released microplastics

a material consisting of solid polymer-containing particles, to which additives or other substances may have been added, and where $\geq 1\%$ w/w of particles have (i) all dimensions $1\text{nm} \leq x \leq 5\text{mm}$, or (ii), for fibres, a length of $3\text{nm} \leq x \leq 15\text{mm}$ and length to diameter ratio of >3

- Covers most polymers (e.g. pellets, masterbatches, flakes) used at industrial sites

Proposed measures

- **Restriction** on the placing on the market (0.01 % w/w)
- **Labelling requirement**
- **Reporting requirement**
- Derogation for microplastics use at industrial sites , but still have the labelling and reporting requirements.
- EUPC have put together a questionnaire for members to assess what the impact of such reporting would be

Project proposal on unintentional release of microplastics

- Study the release of the microplastics during article service life
 1. Gather available information from industry on ageing, product durability and abrasion;
 2. Investigate the patterns of application uses;
 3. Define release factors during service life (may also be used to characterize release of dangerous additives that would be contained in the microplastics).
- Cost: €30.000 split between associations
- €5.000 to €8.000 per association