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The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has added **Lead Methane Sulphonate** to the candidate list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) on 18 June 2012. It is therefore necessary to check whether there is a duty of notification for products according to article 33 of Directive 1907/2006/EC.

Inclusion in the candidate list is relevant to the following products of our delivery program:

Lead Concentrate FP
Matt Lead MSN solution
Tin – Lead Slotolet Solutions

These processes use the Lead Methane Sulphonate to deposit Lead or Tin /Lead alloys and it is the metal that is included on any finished article so there is no duty of notification according to article 33 of Directive 1907/2006/EC.

Due to the inclusion of Lead Methane Sulphonate in the SVHC candidate list the Schloetter group as the supplier of preparations is obliged to make the corresponding classification in the Material Safety Data Sheet.

For reasons of product responsibility Schloetter has already made the new classification of Lead Methane Sulphonate according to the 1st and 2nd ATP (Adaptation to Technical Progress). All additional information, demanded by its inclusion in the SVHC candidate list, is therefore already included in the product Material Safety Data Sheet.

T Toxic
H 360 DF May damage the unborn child and suspected of damaging fertility

The Authorisation process to use an SVHC after the “sunset date” is a long and expensive process which is not justified from the current scale of business and Schloetter will therefore regrettably not be supplying materials containing Lead Methane Sulphonate after that date.

We will keep customers informed of the sunset date when it is published, which is likely to be around 2018

Schloetter can provide alternative Lead free processes for most applications and we recommend that you ask our technical department for advice.