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News from FEICA

Changes in the organisation

New FEICA members

- FEICA welcomes TREMCO ilbruck, a RPM company.
For more information please click on: <http://www.tremco-illbruck.com/>

European Executive Board

- Jonathan Hastings from Rohm and Haas - Dow Chemical is stepping down to continue his career in Rohm and Haas - Dow Chemical in the United States.
- Ralf Schelbach from Henkel and president of IVK will represent the large direct member companies.
- Joachim Schultz from Eukalin and vice president of IVK will represent the large associations.



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European Technical Board

- Norman Purcell from Sealock has left the ETB to retire. FEICA thanks him for his contribution and wishes him good luck.
- Trevor Clarke from Pafra Adhesives will replace Norman on the ETB.
- The ETB has a new permanent guest. Rainer Weber from Henkel who will be the dossier holder and contact person for all matters related to the International Material Data System / IMDS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Self-adhesive
Technology Seminar
2008
*November 6-7 2008,
Netherlands*
[e-mail](#)
[website](#)

India International
Adhesive & Sealant
Expo 2008
November 13-15 2008, India
[More info](#)

11th China International
Adhesives and Sealants
Exhibition
December 3-5 2008, China
[e-mail](#)
[website](#)

European Coating Show
2009
*March 31-April 2 2009,
Nuremberg, Germany*
[e-mail](#)
[website](#)

NEW FEICA DOCUMENTS

[FEICA Classification Manual](#)

[CLP flyer](#)

[REACH use descriptor system](#)

[VOC position paper](#)

MARKET REPORTS



Trevor Clarke from Pafra Adhesives



Norman Purcell from Sealock

News from the Working Groups and Task Forces

- On 26 June 2008 the first meeting of the WG Workers Safety took place
- On 8 April 2008 the first meeting of the VOC TF took place
- The HAZPRO WG has a new chairman, Axel Hessland from IVK and Vice-chairman Felix Rustemeyer from Henkel

FEICA General Assembly 2008

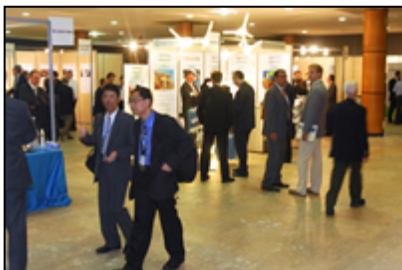
The GA reviewed the main achievements of the last 12 months and particularly the financial situation and challenges, the activities of the ETB and some amendments to our Constitution. The President shared his vision for the next 3 years. The 2007/2008 FEICA activities reports and 2009 budget proposal were approved by the GA by a unanimous vote.

FEICA conference in Marseille – September 10-12

262 people attended the annual conference in Marseille representing a growth of 15% over 2007 in Brussels. The gala dinner & dance on Thursday night attracted more than 210 persons till late in the morning.

The presentations of the 3 tracks on Thursday, technical, legislation and service provider, as well as the presentations from the business forum on Friday will be available soon on the conference website <http://www.feica-conferences.com>. A password will be e-mailed to the attendees.

A spontaneous collection for handicapped children in Marseille at the Gala Dinner on Thursday night 11 September gathered 1.512€. The money will be provided to the Marseille based Charity Association “Les Tournesols” and used to organise events such as reading and theatre plays for children in hospital.



The next FEICA conference will take place 17-18 September 2009 in Budapest.

FEICA regulatory activities

[FEICA market report](#)

[ASC market report](#)

[NEW Asia Supplement - Coming Soon!](#)

Available in December 2008 - The Asia Supplement to the North American Market Report. This supplement will give you adhesive and sealant information similar to the Market Report for Japan, China, India and Vietnam. [More info](#)

OTHER DOCUMENTS

[ERPC monitoring report](#)

FEICA MEETINGS

Reach Implementation 4/11/08, FEICA, Brussels

WG Communication 6/11/08, FIPEC, Paris

Executive Board 26/11/08, FEICA, Brussels

FEICA CONFERENCE

[Picture Gallery online,](#)

CLP – Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures

The compromise package of the European version of the GHS, (EC) Regulation on the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (in short CLP) has been approved by both the Council and Parliament and is expected to be formally adopted on November 18th. It will come into force 20 days after publication; probably still before the end of 2008.

It is most important for FEICA members to understand the dates by which they have to comply with the different aspects of this new regulation, i.e. they have to be aware of the transition periods for substances (1 December 2010) and mixtures (1 June 2015) respectively.

The current Directives on classification, labelling and packaging will be finally repealed on 1 June 2015.

During the transitory period both systems will be applied but by 1 December 2010 for substances and 1 June 2015 for mixtures the reclassification and labelling must be completed.

FEICA, together with other industries, had made proposals for changes to the original proposal, some of which were accepted.

The most important points for the adhesives industry are that:

- the next regulation will see the same exemptions for small packages as today
- It will be possible to have confidential ingredients
- the labelling will be similar to today as regarding transport and use (on the outer package the transport labelling, on all inner packaging the use labelling)

The FEICA GHS Task Force has prepared a [CLP flyer](#) that aims at raising awareness to the basic changes implemented into the classification and labelling system through the CLP. This document will be of help to people in your company that do not have time to go into detail. FEICA, together with the European Paints Association, is also planning to establish some more detailed guidance in the near future.

FEICA solution to exposure scenarios

On 1 September 2008 Johannes Tolls, the chairman of the FEICA WG on Exposure Scenarios under REACH, explained in a web-conference for FEICA members [what the WG has achieved](#).

FEICA has developed a comprehensive, [generic use description](#) based on the RIP 3.2 use descriptor system. It details all process categories, product categories and environmental release categories which are relevant for first-tier exposure scenarios for the adhesive and sealant products sector and that are included in the ECETOC TRA Tool.

VOCs

In the context of the so-called Decopaint Directive 2004/24/EC, the European Commission and its consultant Oekopol have taken up discussions with FEICA to find out how adhesives and sealants contribute to VOC emissions in Europe.

Their aim is to evaluate whether our sector as well as other downstream user sectors should be regulated in order to reduce the VOC emissions from products being used in uncontrolled environments (outside factories) where there are no ways to control and reduce the emissions that might harm the environment through ozone building.

Oekopol made a first proposal for VOC limits in adhesives to which the FEICA VOC Task Force responded in a [position paper](#), explaining the use of solvents in our sector.

Tin Organic Compounds

The European Commission [draft decision to regulate Organostannic Compounds in consumer products](#) aims at lowering people's daily intake of tin organic compounds. Throughout the consultation process, FEICA informed the Commission of the important function of tin organic compounds in some of our products as well as about the difficulties to substitute. This dialogue has led the Commission to suggest an exceptionally long phase out period for DBT in RTV-1 and RTV-2 sealants (6 years as opposed to the usual 18 months) and leave DOT unrestricted for those products.

Member States will probably vote on the draft Commission decision before December.

New EU legislation

- The Regulation (EC) No 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals was published in the Official Journal on 31 July. OJ L 204, 31.7.2008
 - The 30 ATP Adaption to Technical Progress to the Council Directive on classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances was published on 15 September in the Official Journal (OJ L 246, 15.9.2008)
 - The EU Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP) Compromise Package has been approved. The text is available via the European Commission website (http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/ghs_legislation_en.htm) where you can find an explanation on how to search for the compromised text on the Council website.
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Standardisation

A draft standard on the environmental performance of adhesives was voted in Draft Resolution C 454-2008 in CEN by 18 September. The ETB advised FEICA national associations to contact their national standardisation bodies and advocate rejecting the proposal for [several reasons](#). This information campaign resulted in the draft resolution being rejected by the votes of the national standardisation bodies.

Likewise, ISO will not continue to work on the draft standard (ISO/TC 61/SC 11 N922) for the moment.

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