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Workers Protection: Second batch of substances for amendment to the CMD



As announced in the [roadmap for amending Directive 2004/37/EC](#) on the protection of workers from the risks related to carcinogens and mutagens at work (CMD) the Commission divided the legal initiative for amending the CMD in two steps, deciding to give the process generated substances (PGSs) to come under the scope of the CMD in two batches. As you are well aware, the proposal for including the [first batch of PGSs](#), including respirable crystalline silica (RCS), was presented on 13 May 2016. Now the **Commission is considering a second batch of substances for the inclusion in the CMD**. Through Construction Products Europe (CPE) we were recently informed that the Commission is in the course of launching an impact assessment with regard to this second batch of substances that are under consideration and that it is asking potentially affected industry sectors to provide a quantitative estimation of possible impacts by the end of August. This was neither published on "[Your voice in Europe](#)", the dedicated Commission website for public consultations, nor is there any information about it on the responsible Directorate General's website. Both CPE and the secretariat have therefore contacted the policy officers to complain about the lack of transparency and the short deadline and to ask for further information.

While we wait for reaction from the Commission, **the secretariat urges you to have a look at [the table of chemicals for inclusion in the CMD](#) and to provide feedback a.s.a.p. if and how strong our industry is affected**. In this respect the secretariat would like to point out, that obviously workers in most if not all sub-sectors within the construction sector are the one way or the other exposed to legacy diesel engine exhaust. However, as for any of the other substances, **it would be very helpful to know if there is any experience from measurements to assess the impact on our industry**.

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