

# General Hazard Profile of Pigments

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# A note at the beginning...

- Data presented on the following slides
  - has been gathered for the purposes of registration as an industrial chemical in the EU
  - can be viewed online in form of robust study summaries at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- BASF markets pigments for industrial uses (eg coating of cars, coloration of plastic articles, printing inks)
- BASF does not support uses in tattoo inks

# Dissiminated data via the European Chemicals Agency

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Exp Key Repeated dose toxicity: oral.001

Administrative Data | Data source | Materials and methods | Results and discussions

**Administrative Data**

Purpose flag	key study
Study result type	experimental result

**Data source**

**Reference**

Reference type	study report
Year	1986
Report date	1987-02-09

**Materials and methods**

**Test type**

	subacute
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**Limit test**

	no
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**Test materials**

Identity of test material same as for substance defined in section 1 (if not read-across)

- General Information
- Classification and Labelling
- Physical and chemical properties
- Environmental fate and pathways
- Ecotoxicological Information
- Toxicological information
  - Toxicological information.001
  - Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution
  - Acute Toxicity
  - Irritation / corrosion
  - Sensitisation
  - Repeated dose toxicity
    - Repeated dose toxicity: oral
      - Exp Key Repeated dose toxicity: oral.001
      - NS NS Repeated dose toxicity: oral.002
    - Repeated dose toxicity: inhalation
    - Repeated dose toxicity: dermal
  - Genetic toxicity
  - Toxicity to reproduction
  - Specific investigations

"Source: European Chemicals Agency,  
<http://echa.europa.eu/>".

# Key points of EC regulation 1907/2006 (REACH)

- Registrants share available company data
  - Study reports are reviewed for adequacy and reliability
  - Legal agreements (letter of access, etc)
- Hazard data from public databases is gathered
  - Literature data are reviewed for adequacy and reliability
  - Newly identified data holders are contacted for data sharing

Data gap filling with studies performed under GLP  
and following OECD testing guidelines

(deviations from standard procedure as in Annex XI)

- Representative of pigments alone, not of pigment formulations (dispersing agents, fillers, etc)
- Thorough literature survey
- Experimental data from stakeholders interested in REACH
  - Companies with volumes of more than 1 tpa and active in the EU
  - Otherwise interested (data owners)
- No completeness claimed - possible existence of further experimental data for non-industrial uses or data held by stakeholders outside the EU

# Data sources, examples Pigment Red 254, Pigment Red 101

## Chemical Substances Search

Last updated 23 Apr 2013. Database contains 8 469 unique substances and contains information from 33 656 dossiers.

*NB: The Tonnage band column contains aggregated total tonnage band values per joint / individual submission. These values are calculated from the non-confidential tonnage data of ALL registrants in a joint submission.*

## Registered Substances

EC / List number: 401-540-3

CAS Number:

Name:

Total tonnage band (min):

Country in which registered:

PBT Assessment outcome:

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EC / List No.	CAS No.	Name	Registration type	Submission type	Tonnage band	View
215-168-2	1309-37-1	diiron trioxide	Full	Joint Submission	100,000 - 1,000,000 tonnes per annum	

Showing 1 result.

Registration type:

Submission type:

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EC / List No.	CAS No.	Name	Registration type	Submission type	Tonnage band	View
401-540-3		401-540-3	NONS	Joint Submission	Tonnage Data Confidential	
401-540-3		cromophtal dpp red bp	NONS	Joint Submission	Tonnage Data Confidential	
401-540-3		fastogen super red 254	NONS	Joint Submission	Tonnage Data Confidential	
401-540-3		3,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione	Full	Individual Submission	1 - 10 tonnes per annum	
401-540-3		3,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione	Full	Individual Submission	10 - 100 tonnes per annum	
401-540-3		3,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione	Full	Individual Submission	10 - 100 tonnes per annum	
401-540-3		3,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1h,2h,4h,5h-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione	Full	Individual Submission	10 - 100 tonnes per annum	
401-540-3		3, 6 - bis (4 - chlorophenyl) - 2, 5 - dihydro - 1, 4 - diketo pyrrolo [3, 4 - c] pyrrole	NONS	Joint Submission	Tonnage Data Confidential	

"Source: European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>". May 28th, 2013

# Impact of impurities on classification and labelling

exemple from ECHA dissemination view

## General Information

> Identification

> Compositions

## Classification and Labelling

> GHS

> Pigment Red 112 [not classified, < 1% (w/w)  
Naphthol AS-D, 3-hydroxy-2'-methyl-2-naphthanilide]

> Pigment Red 112 [classified > 1% (w/w)  
Naphthol AS-D, 3-hydroxy-2'-methyl-2-naphthanilide]

> DSD - DPD

## Physical and chemical properties

## Environmental fate and pathways

## Ecotoxicological Information

## Toxicological information

## Guidance on safe use

## Reference substances

## Identification

### Substance identification

3-hydroxy-N-(o-tolyl)-4-[(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)azo]naphthalene-2-carboxamide

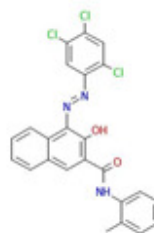
EC Number 229-440-3

EC Name 3-hydroxy-N-(o-tolyl)-4-[(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)azo]naphthalene-2-carboxamide

CAS Number 6535-46-2

Molecular formula C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

IUPAC Name 3-hydroxy-N-(2-methylphenyl)-4-[(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)diazenyl]-2-naphthamide



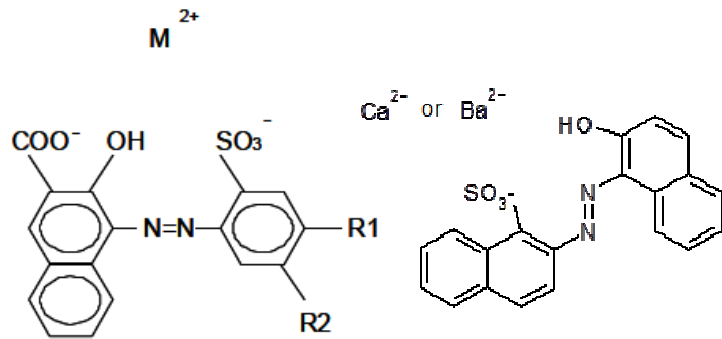
### Type of substance

Composition mono constituent substance

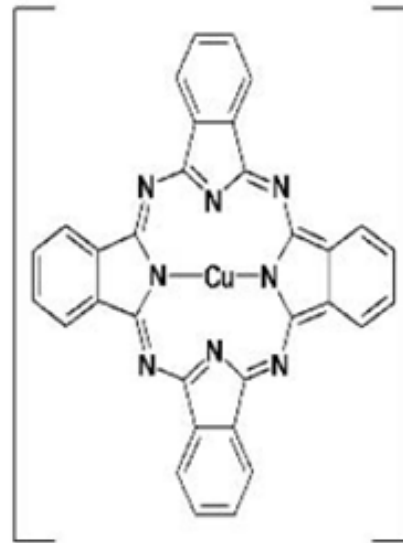
Origin organic

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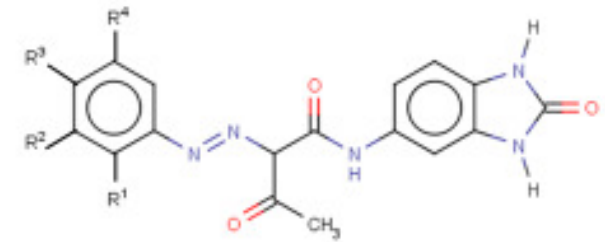
# Pigment classes, examples



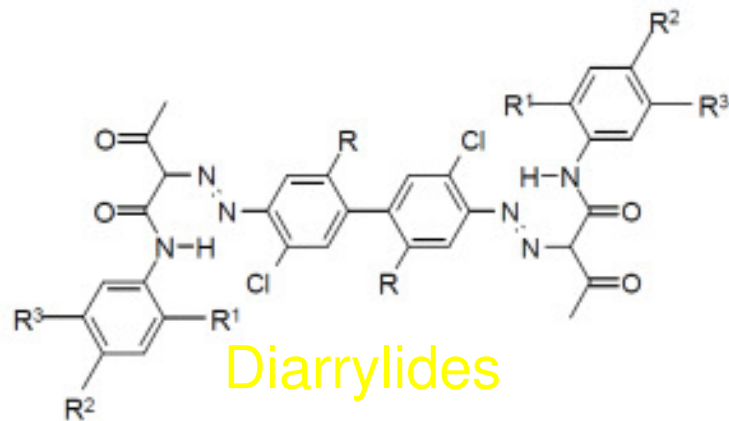
Metal-laked pigments



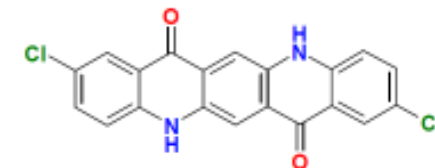
Copper-phthalocyanines



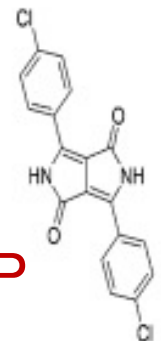
Acetolones



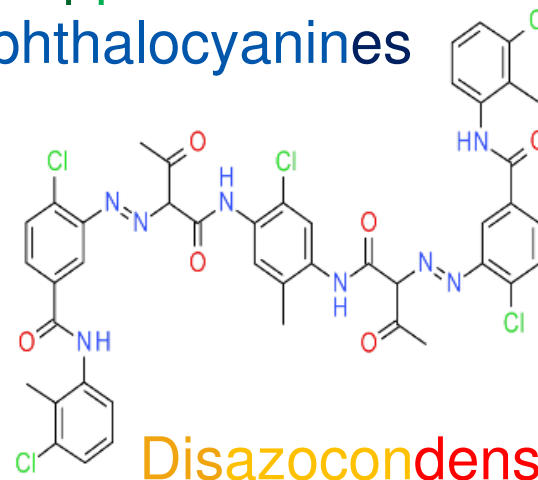
Diaryrylides



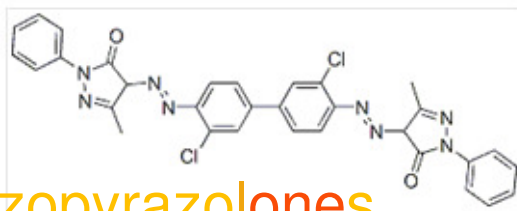
Quinacridones



DPP



Disazocondensations



Disazopyrazolones

Inorganics (Iron oxides,  $TiO_2$ )



# General physico-chemical properties, organic pigments

- Range of molecular weight: 350 (PR 254) - 1394 (PG 36) g/mol
- Water solubility (neutral pH) range ng – mg/L (methodical challenges)  
*Poorly soluble - insoluble*
  - some pigments soluble at extreme pH (eg PR 57:1)
- Octanol solubility range ng – mg/L (methodical challenges)
- Relative density > 1 *Poorly soluble - insoluble*
- No melting point up to decomposition temperature ( 200 – 400 °C, actual temperature depending on the pigment)

# Mandatory endpoints covered by REACH at maximum tonnage band

- Acute toxicity, relevant routes
- Skin irritation, eye irritation, skin sensitization
- Genotoxicity (bacteria, mammalian cells in vitro, in-vivo if in-vitro testing indicates a hazard)
- Repeated dose toxicity, relevant route
- Reproductive toxicity (Fertility by 2-generation study, developmental toxicity/ teratogenicity study; 2 species), relevant route
- Carcinogenicity, two species, relevant route

# Hazard data available for members of all mentioned chemical classes (I)

LD50 (oral) > 2000 mg/kg bw

LD50 (dermal) > 2000 mg/kg bw

*virtually non-toxic by ingestion and skin contact*

Skin irritation: non irritating

Eye irritation: non irritating

Skin sensitisation: non sensitising

Genotoxicity: not genotoxic (Ames with and without Prival-modification, Hprt/MLA, cytogenetic tests, in-vivo micronucleus, UDS)

# Hazard data for members of all chemical classes (II) – Repeated-dose toxicity

Rats, 28-days or 42 days, oral dosing  
More than 20 pigments: NOEL = 1000 mg/kg bw

Rats, 90-days, oral dosing  
Pigment Yellow 74, Pigment Red 122; Pigment Green 15: NOEL = 1000 mg/kg bw

Metal laked pigments (dissociation in stomach acid):  
Adverse effects on kidneys upon bolus dosing, NOEL ca 40 mg/kg bw); red discoloration of urine

18-months dermal toxicity study: PR 57:1 for use in lipstick (Carson 1984); dose 50 mg/kg bw, twice per week

Carson S (1984). Skin Painting Studies in Mice with 14 FD&C and D&C Colors. J. Toxicol. - Cut. and Ocular Toxicol. 3 (4), 357 - 370.

# Hazard data for members of all chemical classes (III) Carcinogenicity

- Na salt of Pigment Red 57:1 (feeding study, non carcinogenic)
- Skin painting «lipstick» studies (Carson 1984)
- Leuschner 1978 - Toxicology Letters 2: 253-260 (diarylide pigments, feeding study, not carcinogenic)
- Copperphthalocyanine NTP decision on non-testing
  - CuPC: Haddow 1960: 8 weekly subcutaneous injections of 0.5 mg to 20 mice did not cause tumor formation in the 8-months observation period

# Hazard data for members of all chemical classes (III) Reproductive toxicity, oral route

## ■ Teratogenicity

- Negative with PO 73
- (negative with PR 57:1)

## ■ Screening studies (OECD 421/422)

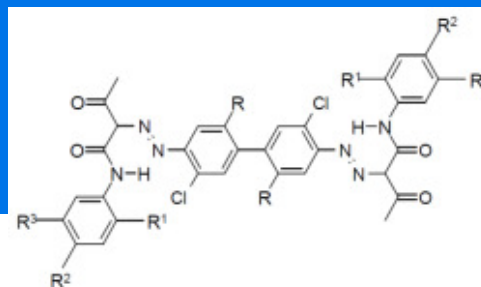
- No adverse effects found for more than 15 pigments

## ■ In-utero exposure/fertility study: no effects with Na-salt of PR 57:1

## ■ Two-generation study

- ECHA testing proposal for PO 73

# Literature publications on toxicokinetic properties



**BASF**  
The Chemical Company

Lack of dermal and oral absorption of Pigment Yellow 12

Decad GM, Snyder, CD, Mitoma C (1983). Fate of water-insoluble and water-soluble dichlorobenzidine-based pigments in Fischer 344 rats. *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health* 11: 455-465. Report date: 1983-01-01.

El Dareer, S. M.; Tillery, K. F.; Hill, D. L. (1984). Investigations on the disposition of oral doses of some waterinsoluble pigments. *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*, 32 (2), 1984, 171-174

Mondino, A.; Achari, R.; Dubini, M.; Marchisio, M. A.; Silvestri, S.; Zanolò, G. (1978). Absence of dichlorobenzidine in the urine of rats, rabbits and monkeys treated with C.I. pigment yellow 13. *Medicina del Lavoro*, 69 (6), 1978, 693-697

Nony, C. R.; Bowman, M. C.; Cairns, T.; Lowry, L. K.; Tolos, W. P. (1980). Metabolism studies of an azo dye pigment in the hamster based on analysis of the urine for potentially carcinogenic aromatic amine metabolites. *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, 4 (3), 1980, 132-140

Sagelsdorff, P.; Haenggi, R.; Heuberger, B.; Joppich-Kuhn, R.; Jung, R.; Weideli, H. J.; Joppich, M. (1996). Lack of bioavailability of dichlorobenzidine form diarylide azo pigments: molecular dosimetry for hemoglobin and DNA adducts. *Carcinogenesis*, 17 (3), 1996, 507-514

Bartsch, W.; Berger-Preiß, E.; Dasenbrock, C.; Ernst, H. (2001). Bioverfügbarkeit von Azopigmenten nach Aufnahme über die Atemwege. *Schriftenreihe der Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin*. Fb 929. Wirtschaftsverlag NW Bremerhaven

Hofmann, T.; Schmidt, D. (1993). Investigation of possible metabolism of pigment yellow 17, a 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine-based pigment, after inhalation exposure in rats. *Archives of Toxicology*, 67 (2), 1993, 141-144

- Lack of accumulation of copper in kidney and liver upon subchronic feeding of a copper phthalocyanine pigment
- $^{14}\text{C}$ -Pigment Red 254 with MW of 357 g/mol is not significantly absorbed upon single oral dosing (intestinal passage within 24h)
- No internal organ discoloration observed
- No urine discoloration observed *No visual indication for absorption*
- Poor solubility in water/fat is unfavourable for transport across biological membranes



- Lack of systemic effects after ingestion observed in animal studies
- Systemic uptake upon skin contact not expected
- Relevant data for tattoo uses (intradermal application, decomposition products) not available

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