
PR&S COMMITTEE

Polymer Survey

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Why Do This?

- Prepare for regulation of pine chemical polymers in Canada and in the US and elsewhere
 - A consistent approach to declaration of hazard at polymer substance level
 - The ‘sameness’ of different polymers and the identification of opportunities for polymer grouping
 - To demonstrate that the risks posed by polymers are less than those of other substances and that these risks are already controlled via existing

What Did HARRPA Do?

- Adapted questionnaires from other sector groups (10) of the Resins Technical Forum / Polymer Working Group
- Prepared questionnaire & spreadsheet in two stages
 - Stage 1
 - Inventory of all HARRPA polymers
 - Hazard-driven
 - Submissions handled in confidence by D. de Halleux
 - Data aggregated in the spreadsheet
 - Made available to all and rationalized
 - Stage 2
 - Total volumes
 - PLC criteria
 - Other available data

What did they find?

- Need to break it down in steps – otherwise people just give up
- Considerable discussion about “monomers of concern: analytical method and levels