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Elastomers and Environment

December 11, 2018 Espace Hamelin, Paris

Although it is essential in our daily life, rubber often suffers from a tarnished image from an environmental point of view: emission of odors, exudations, pollution of the surrounding environments - air and water -, to quote only a few of these complaints.

At the same time, respect for the environment requires the establishment of standards designed to reduce the impact of the production of goods on our public health.

As with all other materials, elastomers are impacted by the establishment and evolution of these standards.

In the specific case of rubbers, the situation is more critical since it is a formulated material which then undergoes sometimes complex cycles of curing and post-treatment.

All precautions must therefore be taken with regard to the choice of ingredients as well as the respect of the operators and the environment during the development phase of the finished products.

The REACH Regulation is of course the foundation for standardization but it is by no means the only one. In many sectors of activity such as food, medical, capital goods, people care, elastomers are widely used and must meet a number of constraints such as the reduction of VOCs, non-toxicity when in contact with people or food, without forgetting the need to implement less energy-intensive production processes.

The particular nature of these cross-linked products also complicates their recycling at the end of their life or during production cycles.

The objective of this technical day is to make a state of the art of all the environmental constraints weighing on this rubber material.

You are an actor in this sector and faced with all these constraints, you have developed materials, processes and ways of recycling more respectful of the environment: come and bring us your testimony.

You work on these regulations and the implementation of these standards, your opinion interests us and interests our entire sector.

AFICEP is pleased to allow you to testify on this very important topic for all the actors in elastomer processing.

We are counting on your presence and your testimony during our upcoming technical day which will take place on December 11, 2018 at the Espace Hamelin, in Paris.

For the Technical Events Committee, Philippe DABO



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