

Delay of Draft EU Risk Assessment

Report on Antimony Trioxide

The Swedish rapporteur, Kemi, released a preliminary draft risk assessment report on antimony trioxide in December 2003. The presentation of the official version of the report has been postponed and Kemi announced to release it in June. If this is the case, the first discussions of the dossier between European member states can be expected in December at the earliest, which would delay the finalisation of the Risk Assessment to at least end-2005.

Calling ATO EU Downstream Users!

IAOIA has submitted a 1-page questionnaire to downstream users of antimony trioxide via their trade associations requesting data on their industry's use of antimony trioxide. The aim is to ensure that EU risk assessment authorities recognise the importance of antimony trioxide use and that they have realistic data on emissions. If you are a user of ATO and did not yet receive this short questionnaire, please consult <http://www.iaoia.org/> and send the questionnaire back to our consultant EURAS at marleen.vandenbroele@euras.be **before the end of April.**

IAOIA joins EU Metals Federation

IAOIA has become a member of Eurometaux, the European non-ferrous metals association. Eurometaux provides

- Broad experience of EU risk assessments (including Risk Assessment methodology for metals and metal compounds)
- Status of recognised actor by EU institutions in risk assessment aspects

Membership in Eurometaux will help in the IAOIA's work on the antimony trioxide risk assessment.

EU Risk Assessment Timeline for 2004

June:	Release of first official draft Risk Assessment Report by Kemi
December:	First discussion of Risk Assessment Report by member states in the TC-NES

IAOIA launches Joint Program for Producers and Downstream Users of Antimony Trioxide

IAOIA together with the PET, the flame retardants and textile industry, agreed to establish a joint program between producers and downstream users of antimony trioxide in order to meet the requirements of the EU risk assessment. The joint program will:

- Develop scientific studies with leading independent scientists
- Help organise scientific representation at EU technical meetings
- Facilitate communication to risk assessment authorities of appropriate data of antimony trioxide production and use
- Seek to ensure that the risk assessment process is conducted according to its rules under Regulation 793/93 EC
- Ensure that EU regulators recognise the socio-economic and industry importance of antimony trioxide

In this joint program all industry using antimony trioxide will be invited to participate in the kick-off meeting on June 14:

- PET
- Halogenated flame retardants
- Textile
- E&E
- Wire&cable
- Engineering plastics
- Paints-pigments-glass-ceramics
- PVC

The joint program structure is outlined on the next page.

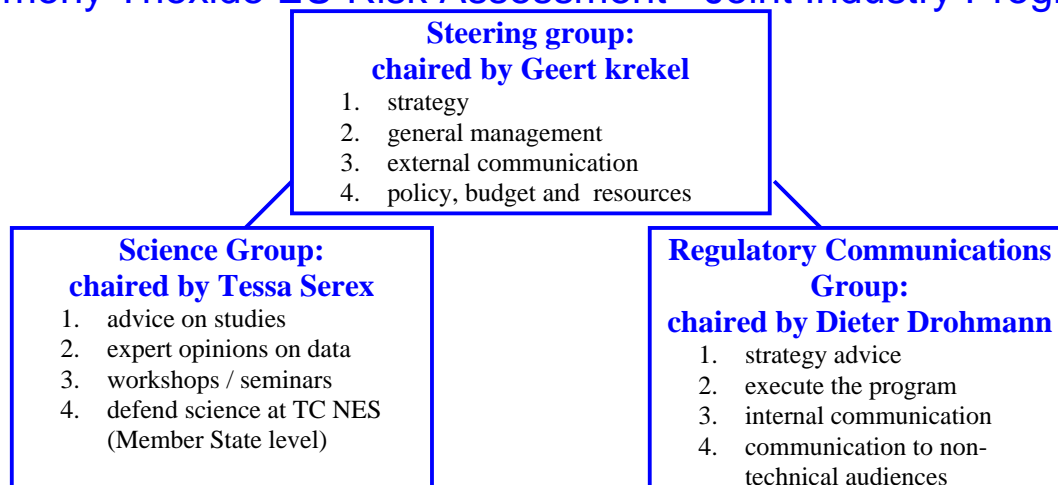
Upcoming Industry Events

June 14:	Kick-off meeting for the Joint Program of Producers and Downstream Users in Brussels
November 18,19:	IAOIA meeting in Brussels

IAOIA Mission

The Mission of the International Antimony Oxide Industry Association is to serve the common interests of antimony producers, users and other stake holders world-wide concerning the environmental, health and safety regulatory affairs concerning antimony substances and their uses. The activities of the IAOIA will be determined by its members, and may include the conducting studies, dissemination of information pertaining to the safety and benefits of antimony substances, and the development of scientific information for the submission to governmental agencies.

Antimony Trioxide EU Risk Assessment - Joint Industry Programme



Role of Downstream Users:

Downstream users support the program in various ways: via an exchange of expertise, the review of IAOIA scientific dossiers, via political and/or financial contributions as well as with their participation in one or more of the three joint program groups.

If your company is interested in this Joint Program and would like to become part of it, please contact the IAOIA secretary-general, Karine Van de Velde at +32 14 601 578 or by email at karine.vandvelde@campine.be. A kick-off meeting is planned on June 14.

The IAOIA Members

In the USA / Europe organization:

Campine
Great Lakes Chemical Company
Laurel Industries, Inc. (OxyChem)
Penox SA
Produits Chimiques de Lucette
Sica

In the Japan Mining Industry Association:

Nihon Seiko Co., Ltd.
Nissan Chemical Industry, Ltd.
Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.
Tohko Industrial Corp. + assoc. Members
Yamanaka & Co, Ltd.

The IAOIA Associate Members

Albemarle Corporation
Dead Sea Bromine Group (DSBG)
Durr Marketing Associates, Inc.

Goldmann GmbH & Co
Helm AG

These are the responsible companies that are working very hard to ensure the antimony products are protected in the market place through proper response to all our government agencies and development and distribution of reliable data. These organization are sharing the costs, both financial and through employee time. By choosing to conduct your business with one of these companies you are supporting our industry.

If you are a producer, distributor or consumer of antimony products and would like to contribute to these efforts, contact an IAOIA, JMIA office or one of our member companies.

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