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Karine Van de Velde
i2a Secretary General
International Antimony Association (i2a)
Avenue de Broqueville 12
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Belgium

Re: Antimony trioxide and Antimony and compounds, as Sb

Dear Ms. Van de Velde,

The ACGIH[®] Threshold Limit Values (TLV[®]) for Chemical Substances Committee has requested that Antimony trioxide and Antimony and compounds, as Sb be retained on the Under Study list for 2013. The Committee has your comments for their consideration. While a substance is on the Under Study list, there is no draft available for public review. Note that in accordance with the TLV[®]/BEI[®] Development Process, the Under Study list will be updated by July 31 into a two-tier list. “Tier 1” will indicate which chemical substances and physical agents may move forward as an Notice of Intended Change (NIC) or Notice of Intent to Establish (NIE) in the upcoming year; “Tier 2” will indicate which chemical substances and physical agents will not move forward, but will either remain on, or be removed from the Under Study list for the next year.

Any additional comments are welcome. For future submissions, please note the comment period for NIC or NIE draft *Documentation* and its respective TLV(s)[®], notation(s), or BEI(s)[®], is limited to a firm six-month period, running from February 1 to July 31 of each year. Because of the time required to review, evaluate, and consider comments during the fall meetings, any submissions received after the July 31 deadline will not be considered in that year’s committee deliberations regarding the outcome for possible adoption of a NIC or NIE. All comments received after July 31 will be fully considered in the following year.

When submitting comments, ACGIH[®] *now* requires that the submission be limited to 10 pages in length, including an executive summary. The submission may include appendices of citable material not included as part of the 10-page limit. It would be very beneficial to structure comments as follows:

1. Executive Summary--Provide an Executive Summary with a limit of 250 words.
2. List of Recommendations/Actions--Identify, in a vertical list, specific recommendations/actions that are being requested.
3. Rationale--Provide specific rationale to justify each recommendation/action requested.
4. Citable Material--Provide citable material to substantiate the rationale. Citable material is data that is available in the public domain or that we have written authorization from the owner to use. For unpublished data/studies, it is important for this authorization to accompany the submission and it must grant ACGIH[®] permission to use, cite, and release the data. Please refer to our website at <http://www.acgih.org/TLV/DevProcess.htm> for instructions on how to complete this permission statement.

Draft *Documentation* for an NIC or NIE is made available for public review during the full six-month period. Please visit the ACGIH® website (www.acgih.org) for complete information regarding the TLV®/BEI® Development Process.

Thank you for your participation in our process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Peltier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ryan Peltier
Science and Education Manager
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