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### **Update on European Union REACH Regulatory Approval Process for DCC Pigments**

Dominion Colour Corporation (DCC) is pleased to report that the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) supports the company's application to continue to supply two of its products, Pigment Yellow 34 (PY.34) and Pigment Red 104 (PR.104) in the European Union exclusively for industrial and professional coatings, road markings and plastics applications.

ECHA has confirmed that the risk of continuing to use these pigments for the specialized purposes applied for, is low. Their decision states, "The exposure risk assessment in the application is demonstrated to be appropriate and effective in limiting the risk, provided that the risk management measures and operational conditions are as described in the application." Furthermore, in making its decision, ECHA confirmed that there are no suitable alternatives available today that provide comparable quality, performance or durability.

ECHA's recommendation for the continued use of these two pigments in the EU for the uses applied for is the result of a thorough evaluation of these pigments as part of REACH, a regulation of the European Union adopted to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks that can be posed by chemicals, while enhancing the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. The review process included analysis of the two products by independent experts who are members of ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and Socio Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC), public consultation and an assessment of more than 60 alternative products using technical, health, safety, environmental and economic criteria.

ECHA's recommendation is now before the European Commission (EC) for final review and DCC awaits the EC's decision which is expected in the coming months.

### **About ECHA**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is a regulatory authority implementing the EU's chemicals legislation for the benefit of human health and the environment as well as for innovation and competitiveness. ECHA helps companies to comply with the legislation, advances the safe use of chemicals, provides information on chemicals and addresses chemicals of concern.

For more information read the [ECHA opinion](#) on DCC's application or visit [www.echa.europa.eu](http://www.echa.europa.eu).

### **About DCC Pigment Yellow 34 (PY.34) and Pigment Red 104 (PR.104)**

PY.34 and PR.104 are lead chromate based pigments used only for industrial and professional coatings, road markings and plastics applications where superior quality and vibrant, durable colours are required. They are not used in decorative coatings or consumer products. DCC has a number of protocols and programs in place to control their sale and to educate those who make, sell and use these pigments including training programs for employees and customers on approved uses and safe handling. Safety and environmental policies are also in place at all DCC manufacturing facilities.