

CoRAP list updated: What adhesive tape companies should check now

Afera invites Members to review substances and flag relevance to the sector

ECHA's updated CoRAP list brings renewed focus to substance evaluation under REACH. For the adhesive tapes value chain, it is a timely prompt to review substances under scrutiny and flag any potential relevance at an early stage.

What is the CoRAP list?

The Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) is a key instrument under REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), through which Member State authorities evaluate substances suspected of posing a risk to human health or the environment.

Each year, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) updates the CoRAP list, identifying substances that will undergo evaluation over a three-year period. These evaluations aim to clarify concerns related to hazard, exposure or use, and may ultimately lead to further regulatory action, including harmonised classification, authorisation or restriction. For industry, this means that substances on the list should be monitored closely, as evaluation may lead to further regulatory action.

On 24 March 2026, ECHA adopted and published the updated CoRAP list for the period **2026–2028**, following the opinion of the Member State Committee. In total, **27 substances** are planned for evaluation:

- 17 substances in 2026
- 10 substances across 2027 and 2028.

View the CoRAP list:

<https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/evaluation/substance-evaluation/community-rolling-action-plan>



Why it matters for the adhesive tapes value chain

Inclusion on the CoRAP list does not in itself impose restrictions. It signals however, that a substance is under regulatory scrutiny and may lead to further action depending on the outcome of the evaluation.

For the adhesive tapes value chain, this is particularly relevant. Substances used in adhesives, coatings, release systems, films or processing aids may be included. In addition, upstream raw materials or downstream applications could also be affected.

As such, the CoRAP list serves as a **forward-looking tool**, enabling companies to anticipate potential regulatory developments rather than respond once measures are already in place.

Substances to check

In his recent communication to the Regulatory Affairs Working Group, Afera Regulatory Affairs & Sustainability Manager Pablo Englebienne highlighted several substances on the updated CoRAP list that may be worth checking if used within the adhesive tapes value chain:

- 2-methylpropan-1-ol (isobutanol)
- diethyl ether
- tert-butyl methyl ether (TBME)
- carbon black.

Members are encouraged to review the CoRAP list and assess whether any substances used within their operations — whether in formulations, processing or supply chains — may be included.

Afera's role and next steps

As noted by Mr. Englebienne, the update of the CoRAP list provides a useful opportunity for Members to review the substances under evaluation and **flag any potential relevance to the adhesive tapes value chain**.

Members who identify substances of possible relevance are invited to **contact Mr. Englebienne** via regulatoryaffairs@afera.com.

Any such input will then be brought to the Regulatory Affairs Working Group (RAWG), where it can be discussed collectively to determine whether there is relevance at Association level and whether any follow-up action may be required.

The RAWG meets online on a quarterly basis and typically once per year face-to-face. Taskforces formed around specific topics meet more frequently as needed. All RAWG Meetings are open to participants from Afera Member Companies.

Members interested in joining the RAWG are welcome to do so by contacting regulatoryaffairs@afera.com.

A proactive approach

The CoRAP list is not a regulatory endpoint, but an early signal. It highlights substances that may shape future regulatory developments under REACH.

By reviewing the list and sharing insights, Afera Members can help ensure that any potential implications for the adhesive tapes value chain are identified early and assessed in a co-ordinated way across the Association.

Further information

- [ECHA – Community Rolling Action Plan \(CoRAP\)](#)
- [ECHA – CoRAP 2026–2028 update \(PDF\)](#).
