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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC¹, and in particular Article 64(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (hereinafter referred to as “DEHP”) is listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 and therefore subject to the authorisation requirement referred to in Article 56(1) of that Regulation.
- (2) An application for authorisation was submitted by Rolls-Royce plc on 20 May 2013 in accordance with Article 62 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, for the use of DEHP in the processing of a stop-off formulation containing that substance during the diffusion bonding and manufacture of aero engine fan blades.
- (3) On 3 January 2014 the European Chemicals Agency sent to the Commission the opinions of the Committee for Risk Assessment (“RAC”) and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (“SEAC”)² pursuant to the third subparagraph of Article 64(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.
- (4) According to the RAC opinion, the risks to human health from the use of DEHP applied for are adequately controlled in accordance with the provisions in Article 60(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, provided that the risk management measures and operational conditions as described in the application are adhered to.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to authorise that use provided that the risk management measures and operational conditions described in the application, in particular in the chemical safety report, are applied.

¹ OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

² <http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/54858a96-fcc1-4260-9b3c-631c40cc4234>

- (6) In its opinion, the SEAC recommended the review period referred to in Article 60(9)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 to be set at seven years. This period was recommended taking into account the adequate control of the risks for workers arising from the use of the substance, the lack of suitable alternatives at present and the on-going research programme by the applicant in search of technically feasible alternatives with a time-frame of five to ten years. The time necessary to implement alternatives in the context of the particular high standards of safety and testing requirements in the aerospace industry was also taken into consideration. The recommended period would allow the progress made by the applicant to be assessed in the context of a review.
- (7) In their opinions, the RAC and the SEAC did not recommend any additional conditions or additional monitoring arrangements to those described in the application.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 133 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

An authorisation is granted in accordance with Article 60(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 for the following use of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (EC No. 204-211-0, CAS No. 117-81-7), subject to adherence to the risk management measures and operational conditions described in the chemical safety report submitted pursuant to Article 62(4)(d) of that Regulation³. The authorised use is identified by the following authorisation number:

REACH/14/1/0

Use: The processing of a stop-off formulation containing DEHP during the diffusion bonding and manufacture of aero engine fan blades

Article 2

The review period referred to in Article 60(9)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 shall expire on 21 February 2022.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Rolls-Royce plc, PO Box 31, Derby, Derbyshire DE24 8BJ, United Kingdom.

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/5549/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>

Done at Brussels, 7.8.2014

For the Commission
Ferdinando NELLI FEROCI
Member of the Commission

