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SCIP Database: the tool must not miss its purpose

The SCIP Database is a “data bank” of Substances of Concern In articles, or in complex objects (Products) under the Waste Framework Directive, requiring companies that supply *articles*¹ to submit information on these to ECHA, the European Chemicals Agency. The data, made available to waste operators, and consumers upon request, would promote non-toxic material cycles in the EU. The Database will apply on 5 January 2021.

The home appliance industry fully supports the objectives of the Database. Yet, the current ECHA implementation exceeds the legal basis for the Database, as laid down under Article 33(1) REACH.

“The SCIP Database as currently implemented by the EU Institutions constitutes a misalignment with what is written in the law.” commented Paolo Falcioni, APPLiA’s Director General. “That is why we sent a complaint to the EU Ombudsman to urge action leading to aligning the implementation of the Database with its legal basis. Because of the relevance of the SCIP Database legal ambition within the EU Chemicals strategy, the tool must not miss its purpose.”

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¹ *Articles* subject to the legal requirements are the ones containing the substances on the so-called “Candidate List” in a predefined concentration by weight and that are placed on the EU market.