

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the [European Borates Association](#) (EBA), representing the importers and manufacturers of borate substances, you are invited to participate in a short stakeholder consultation exercise which is currently being undertaken in order to expand the depth of knowledge about the supply chain situation for borate substances of concern*.

One of the core objectives of this exercise is to build more a detailed data set on borates uses and users, by sector. The EBA letter regarding this study is available [here](#).

In particular, the EBA would very much appreciate your assistance in:

- **Responding to the simple, one-page online survey by 13 April 2018** (this is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GXP668X>); and
- **Forwarding this request to all other potential users of borates within your downstream supply chain within the next 5 days.**

All information received from stakeholders will be merged and anonymised and no information provided by any individual company will be passed on to the EBA. This means your company's response will be kept completely confidential.

As a respondent, you will also receive a fact sheet outlining the latest regulatory developments for these borates.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Roger Doome (r.doome@ima-europe.eu), Antigoni Effraimidou (a.effraimidou@ima-europe.eu) or me (tom.persich@rpaltd.co.uk).

Kind regards,
Tom Persich

*Borates within the scope of the supply chain mapping exercise					
Substance	EC No	CAS No	Registration tonnage band	No. Active registrants	EEA Regulatory status
Boric acid	233-139-2	10043-35-3	100,000 – 1,000,000 tonnes per annum	44	Candidate List/6 th recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Disodium tetraborate	215-540-4	1330-43-4; (anhydrous); 12179-04-3 (pentahydrate); 1303-96-4 (decahydrate)	100,000 – 1,000,000 tonnes per annum	19	Candidate List/6 th recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Diboron trioxide	215-125-8	1303-86-2	1,000 – 10,000 tonnes per annum	18	Candidate List/6 th recommendation for inclusion in Annex XIV (deferred)
Disodium octaborate	234-541-0 (anhydrous)	12008-41-2 (anhydrous) 12280-03-4 (tetrahydrate)	1,000 – 10,000 tonnes per annum	4	Registry of SVHC intentions. 'Expected submission date' was 7 February 2018

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