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Subject: ECHA's communications on its action against cancer-causing chemicals

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Dear Mr González-Quijano, Ms Arias

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in response to your request of 15 March 2024 to Dr Sharon McGuinness, registered on 18 March 2024, under the above reference.

Thank you for drawing our attention to the issue regarding the accuracy of the infographic under the *Preventing Cancer* Hot Topic on the ECHA website, which shows those everyday articles, which previously contained carcinogenic chemicals, whose use is now restricted by the European Commission (EC).

However, as you have identified, the infographic incorrectly indicated that Chromium VI was restricted because of carcinogenic properties, when in fact its use had been restricted due to its skin sensitising properties.

We apologise for this error and have corrected the [infographic](#), as soon as our attention was drawn to it, to reflect the actual situation. We have also removed the LinkedIn post referred to in your letter.

ECHA's intention was to highlight the actions taken at EU level to eliminate the most hazardous chemicals from citizens' daily lives.

ECHA is committed to protecting health and the environment through our work for chemical safety and we aim to ensure that relevant, reliable and objective information is available for the public and interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

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