



Assessment of the KTB Substitution Plan as credible and robust

On 18.06.2021, the KTB Substitution Plan (HAPOC 2) was assessed as credible by the Social Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). ECHA's recommendation for an authorisation period of 12 years from the sunset date (September 2017), which was already made on 05.12.2018, was confirmed. The EU Commission's decision on the KTB application is expected later this year. This would make the production of chromium-plated plastic parts binding possible until September 2029.

The basis for the decision was certainly also the great progress made at KTB with regard to the substitution to trivalent chrome plating, which has already been in series production at KTB since September 2019. A new bath has been added this year, which enables dark chrome plating, e.g. according to Daimler colour samples, with medium 3-valent chrome plating.



Picture 1: Chrome III Production at KTB