



EUROPEAN CHLORINATED SOLVENT ASSOCIATION

FOR THE SAFE USE OF TRICHLOROETHYLENE IN METAL CLEANING

The European producers of trichloroethylene (TRI) want to ensure application of the best possible Product Stewardship principles throughout the entire supply chain. TRI is most efficiently and safely used for metal cleaning in closed systems.

The TRI producers have proactively worked with the EU authorities to develop a voluntary industry-wide commitment to:

- ensure adequate control of risks related to the use of TRI in metal cleaning as identified in the EU Risk Assessment;
- safeguard the long-term sustainable use of TRI in closed systems for metal cleaning.

The Charter represents a voluntary commitment open for signature by producers and importers of TRI, based on their own individual decisions. The members of the European Chlorinated Solvent Association (ECSA) have signed the Charter and urge other producers and importers either to sign the Charter or to adopt measures that will achieve similar health, safety and environmental improvements.

The Charter will be a demonstration of the commitment made by the signatories to ensure the safe and sustainable use of TRI by voluntarily not supplying TRI for open metal-cleaning uses.

CHARTER DECLARATION

The signing parties to this Charter declare their commitment - in line with *Responsible Care®* - to phase out sales of TRI for open metal-cleaning systems no later than 31 December 2010.

CHARTER COMMITMENTS

To achieve this goal, the signatories voluntarily agree to:

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- urge all end-users in metal cleaning to install and use closed systems (see definition at bottom of page 2¹);
- require their distributors to inform end-users about this Charter and to provide end-users with essential information about closed systems and the importance of using closed systems for metal cleaning with trichloroethylene.

