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Why MOCRINIS?

► Mineral Oil:

- is it an issue of Mineral Oil or hydrocarbons in general?
- Is it about products or fractions of hydrocarbons?

► Cross Industry:

- Is not only about printing inks anymore
- Hydrocarbon complex substances are used in different downstream industries regulated by different legislations

► Issues:

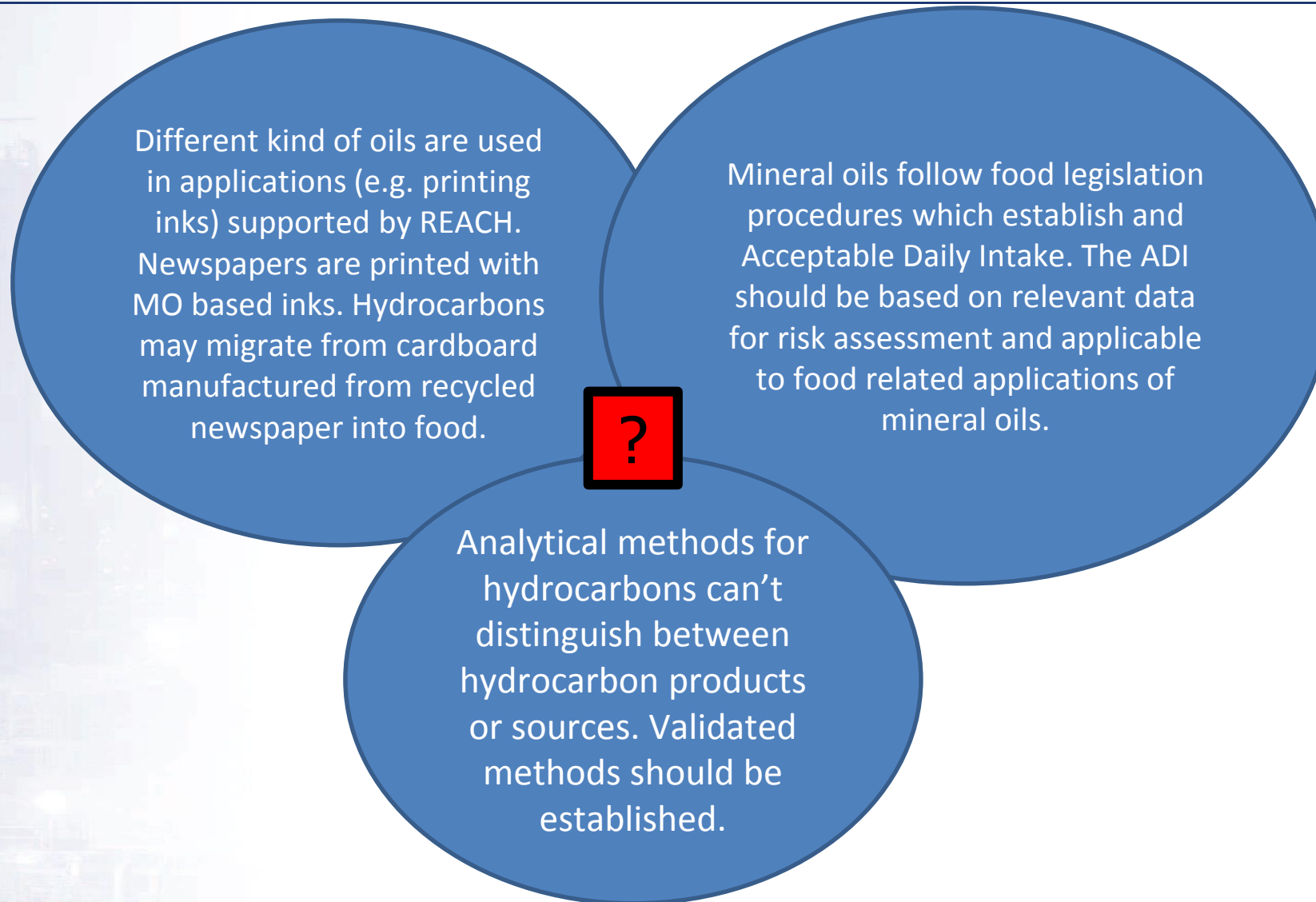
- Not easily resolved due to the complex nature of the substances
- Overlapping hydrocarbon ranges of complex substances (and background hydrocarbons)
- Toxicological interpretation of available studies
- Differences in analytical procedures to ensure compliance
- What are the practical approaches suggested?



- ▶ Follow up of MOCRINIS I
- ▶ Facilitate a discussion forum with stakeholders
- ▶ Present CONCAWE point of view
- ▶ Have a constructive discussion and listen to others
- ▶ Gain clarity on the issues
- ▶ Hazard and risk assessment based on science
- ▶ Appropriate regulatory approach
- ▶ Review EFSA's recommendations and 2017 studies on mineral oils and waxes
- ▶ Present CONCAWE and EWF action plan

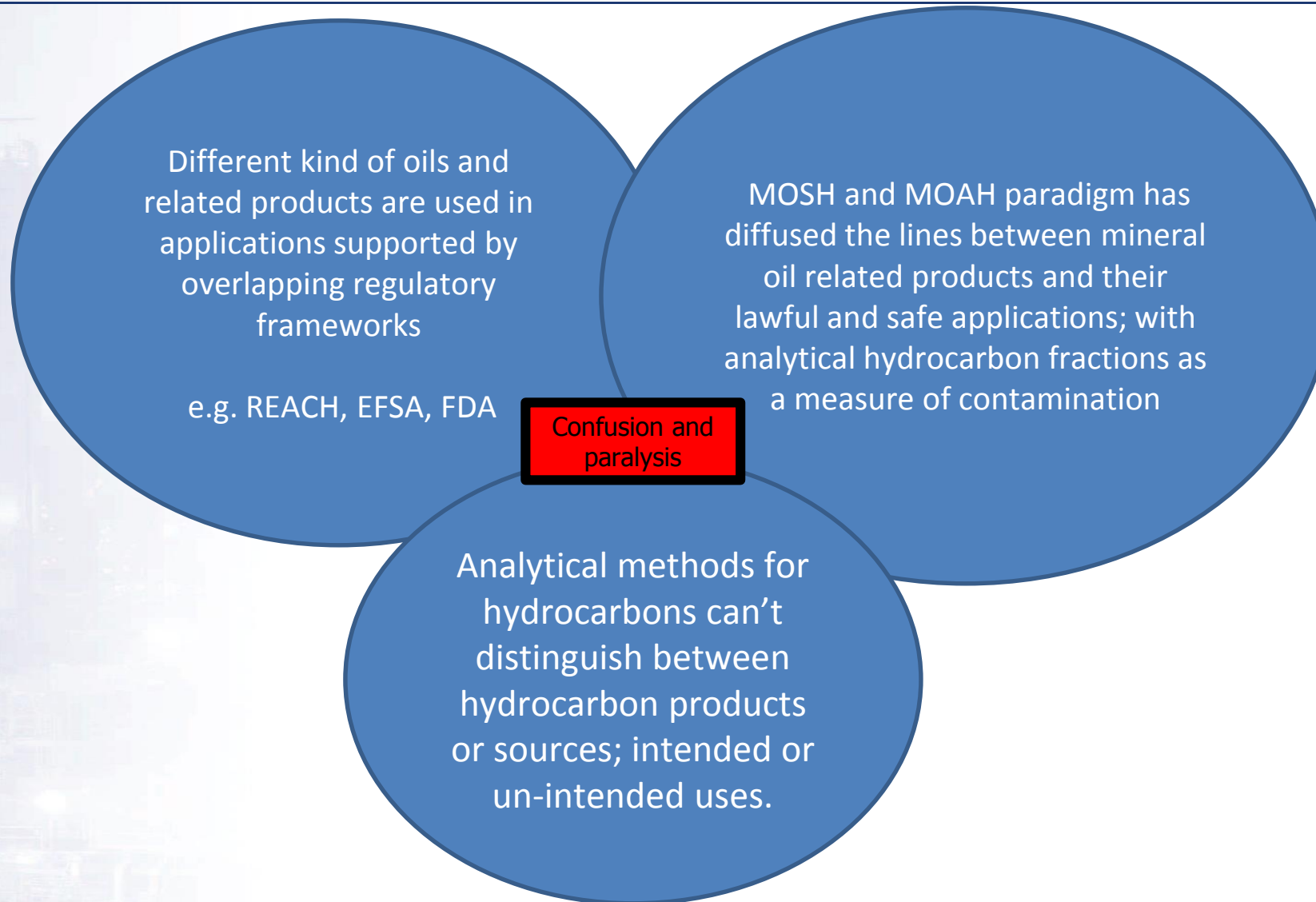


MOCRINIS I overlapping issues



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- ▶ What has happened since MOCRINIS I – Sep.2013
 - ▶ MOCRINIS I report published
 - ▶ MOCRINIS stakeholder forum
 - ▶ Platform to engage with industry sectors on MO issues
 - ▶ Exchange of information
 - ▶ Joint projects (e.g. Tennant data base)
- ▶ New CONCAWE task force, STF-33 was set up in 2015
 - ▶ CONCAWE and EWF member companies
 - ▶ Prioritize issues related to CONCAWE and EWF products
 - ▶ Autoimmunity effect of MO
 - ▶ Understanding of MOAH
 - ▶ Support the use of Pharmacopeia grade products in cosmetics
 - ▶ Exposure data base project
 - ▶ Technical specification dossier project

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Review

Oral exposure to mineral oils: Is there an association with immune perturbation and autoimmunity?



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MOH accumulation in F344 rats

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Mineral Oil – What is it?

- ▶ Generic term used to group several petroleum derived liquids with “oil-like” viscosity
- ▶ Manufactured by vacuum distillation of the residue from atmospheric distillation.
- ▶ ~ 40 substances (identifiers or CAS number) which could be regarded as “mineral oil” with boiling points from 300°C to 700°C.
- ▶ Differ in physical chemical properties (e.g. viscosity) and chemical composition (e.g. aromatic content).
- ▶ Because of thousands of isomers, MO can’t be described with a single chemical formula.
- ▶ Mineral oils are described as *complex substances* of **Unknown or Variable composition**, **Complex reaction products or Biological materials**, or shortly **UVCB**.
- ▶ Mineral oil is matrix, a single entity, with its own intrinsic properties behaving as a (complex) substance.
 - ▶ hydrocarbon constituents follow a physical chemical pattern
 - ▶ varying according to crude oil
 - ▶ controlled manufacture,
- ▶ In the EU, by law “mineral oils” are UVCBs and not mixtures.
- ▶ A mixture are intentionally blended to achieve a certain composition.
- ▶ Mineral oil is a substance

- Hydrocarbon solvents have a different manufacturing process which distinguishes them from mineral oil, with their chain lengths up to C20.
- Because of this the MOSH-MOAH terminology does not apply to hydrocarbon solvents.



Chromatography context:

Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons - MOSH:

The "unresolved complex mixture" of aliphatic hydrocarbons between C20 and C35, containing multibranched saturated and alkylated multiple ring naphthenic alkanes; the carbon numbers are defined by the elution range respectively the retention time of the corresponding n-alkanes in a gas chromatographic analysis on a dimethylpolysiloxane coated column.

- ▶ MOSH is used as a chromatographic measure of the alkane content of an oil
- ▶ The concern around long term toxicity of mineral oil is derived from observations in animal experiments which are extrapolated to the human situation
- ▶ These adverse effects have been extrapolated to humans and serve as the basis for the health concern to the MOSH fraction
- ▶ MOSH is a fraction, not a substance on the market.



Chromatography context:

Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons -MOAH:

(Highly alkylated) aromatic hydrocarbons with carbon numbers between C20 and C35, of one or more aromatic rings; the carbon numbers are defined by the elution range respectively the retention time of the corresponding n-alkanes in a gas chromatographic analysis on a dimethylpolysiloxane coated column.

- ▶ MOAH is used as a chromatographic measure of the aromatic content of an oil
- ▶ It is considered as an indicator of the presence of unrefined petroleum based products
- ▶ The concern is based on the possibility that MOAH fraction containing 3-7 membered rings may be potentially carcinogenic
- ▶ MOAH is a fraction, not a substance on the market.



- ▶ MOSH and MOAH are vague terms, their interpretation is highly contextual
- ▶ MOSH and MOAH fractions do not correspond to petroleum products that are placed on the market
- ▶ These fractions may contain constituents coming from products of different degrees of refining and purity
- ▶ Furthermore, these fractions can also be found in products of other origin than mineral oil, for example, n-alkanes of natural origin found in fruits and vegetables
- ▶ MOSH and MOAH is contextual: impossibility of tracing their origin and the health risk they pose
 - ▶ MOAH can be harmless or of concern deepening on the origin.
- ▶ There are petroleum derived products that are lawfully used (e.g. cosmetic and food contact).
 - ▶ refined products are safe
 - ▶ presence of MOSH and MOAH is expected, unavoidable
 - ▶ no reason for suspecting non-compliance or health risk

The MOSH and MOAH
"meaning" is subject of
when, what and **how**
you use it.



- ▶ Understand how our products are manufactured
- ▶ Regulatory overlap according to specifications
- ▶ Latest MOSH and MOAH toxicological interpretation
- ▶ What are the regulatory consequences due to new toxicological insight
- ▶ Way forward

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