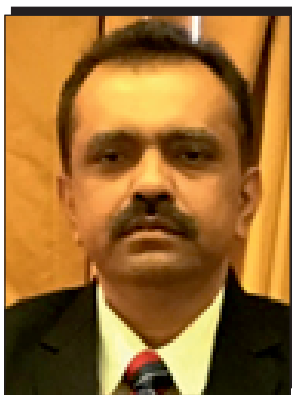




Session VI: Regulatory Compliance

Ecological Compliance in Synthetic Organic Dyes – New Challenges



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Abstract

Today, 'sustainability', 'being eco-friendly' and 'green products' are very commonly used words and terminologies in industries as well as the electronic media.

The last decade has seen a significantly increased environmental awareness amongst consumers mainly on account of very wide coverage of environmental issues in the media. Consumers are also concerned about the adverse impact of industrial pollution on the environment and human health.

This concern is not limited to manufacturing processes and emissions but also to the environmental impact resulting from the use and eventual disposal of products. This life cycle perspective has resulted in restrictions on harmful substances and manufacturing processes. As a result, regulatory pressures have restricted some of the traditional synthetic organic dyes and some others are facing problems with respect to critical impurities generated during their manufacture as well as the manufacture of intermediates that are used to make these.

On the one hand the global dyes and intermediates industry is facing tremendous challenges with respect to environmental compliances of restricted substances whereas on the other academia and research institutes are engaged in advanced research on colorants for digital displays, liquid crystals and medicinal applications.

This presentation highlights the most critical issues arising on account of new ecological and toxicological requirements in the textile industry that significantly affect some of the most important and widely used commercial dyestuffs and suggests how academic research institutes can help industries to develop sustainable solutions.