# Newsletter N° 7 – REACH Helpdesk Luxembourg



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## **English version**

Dear reader,

this newsletter offers you information about the following topics:

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## Seminar on IT tools for REACH registration

In cooperation with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), we offer a seminar on IUCLID5.2, REACH-IT and the Technical Completeness Check Tool. The seminar is particularly valuable for companies that plan to register under REACH. The presentations by ECHA experts will be broadcasted directly from Helsinki. Besides a general introduction to these tools, there will be sufficient time to answer questions from the participants.

The seminar takes place on 5 May 2010, from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. in the premises of the CRP Henri Tudor, 29, Avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

The seminar is free of charge. Please send your informal registration until 28 April to paula.couto@tudor.lu. The number of seats is limited. Registrations will be accepted in the order of their arrival.

## Public consultation on new potential substances of very high concern

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published on its website eight new proposals to identify chemicals as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). Interested parties are invited to comment on these eight substances, e.g. trichloroethylene, boric acid and several chromate compounds until 22 April 2010. The comments will be taken into account when deciding whether the substances will be added to the Candidate List from which substances are selected for authorisation. Further information can be found here.

You can access the current consultation here.

## New REACH-IT version released

The new version of REACH-IT is now online. It includes new features such as group Classification and Labelling notifications, Legal Entity change and cease manufacture declarations. REACH-IT 2.0 will only accept dossiers created in IUCLID 5.2. The new REACH-IT has significant changes in terms of dossier submission. These changes are outlined in the <u>revised manuals</u>.

For more information see ECHA's press release.

#### **ECHA publishes Evaluation Report**

The Evaluation Report describes the progress the Agency has made in evaluating REACH registration dossiers in 2009 and provides recommendations to registrants so that they can improve the quality of their dossiers: ECHA lists the key findings related to the most common problems found in the submitted dossiers. Companies are therefore urged to go through the list of recommendations in this report. The report can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Appointment of Comité REACH in Luxembourg

The enforcement of REACH in Luxembourg is coordinated in a joint Committee, the Comité REACH. The members of the Committee have been appointed and the Committee met for the first time on 18 March. Further meetings are planned in the near future to coordinate a system of official controls and to ensure that the provisions on penalties applicable for infringement of the provisions of REACH (Paquet REACH) are implemented in Luxembourg. More information on the Comité REACH can be found <u>here</u>.

#### New Practice Directions for lodging appeals

Practice Directions are published by ECHA for companies and other interested parties wishing to appeal against certain decisions of ECHA. These Practice Directions are intended to help appellants and their representatives prepare appeals in the most effective way.

The Practice Directions can be found <u>here</u>. Further information can be found on the website of the <u>Board of Appeal</u>.