

General topics

ECHA launches its new website

On 15th December 2011, ECHA launched its new website which aims to be more user-friendly, efficient and pleasant to navigate. Please note that certain links on the website of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg are not redirected automatically. The Helpdesk team will update its website and ECHA links within short time. Thank you for your understanding.



Reminder : Questionnaire on your needs for 2012 / 2013

In order to support the Luxembourgish companies for the next deadlines, the REACH&CLP Luxembourg is already preparing its actions for 2012 and 2013. Please help us to identify your needs by filling in our "questionnaire: your needs for 2012/2013" (French version [here](#) + German version [here](#)).

Questionnaire can be sent by e-mail (reach@tudor.lu), by fax (+352 42 59 91 - 555) or by mail (address see bottom of the page). All information received will be treated confidentially. Thank you for your support.

IUCLID: version 5.3.2 available and communication on future developments planned

A minor upgrade of IUCLID has been published. Besides correcting some errors, this release brings valuable new functionalities such as:

- A new administration tool to display announcements within the IUCLID User Interface
- The enhancement of the user password management system that includes: minimum password length, maximum failed login attempts, password expiration, forced password change, security question, user account expiration.

No change has been made to the data format for IUCLID 5; therefore no migration of existing data is needed for this upgrade.

Beginning of December, the IUCLID team also announces its plans for the future development of IUCLID, and introduces new communication channels to keep users better informed. More information on the [IUCLID website](#).

Webpage on available IT tools updated

Under the section [Tools](#) of the website of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg information on certain IT tools needed or helpful to fulfil your obligations under REACH and CLP is provided. Further tools for human health exposure assessment (worker and consumer) and scaling under REACH have been added.



REACH&CLP Annual conference 2011 - downloads

On 24 November 2011 (12:30 to 5:30 pm), the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg held its [annual conference](#) at the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. Around the topic „REACH&CLP: Lessons learnt and future challenges for companies“. ECHA and the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg presented the key points on current and future requirements, enriched by a field report from ArcelorMittal on the REACH registration of substances and a presentation by the law firm Coutrelis on the legal aspects of REACH. Prior to the conference, the participants were invited to a networking lunch where they could discuss in a relaxed atmosphere with the team of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the lecturers and the other participants. The presentations can be downloaded [here](#).

Nanomaterial : European Commission breaks new ground with a common definition

The definition referred in [recommendations published in the Official Journal of the European Union](#) on 20/10/2011, is based on an approach considering the size of the constituent particles of a material, rather than hazard or risk. The wording describes a nanomaterial as "a natural, incidental or manufactured material containing particles, in an unbound state or as an aggregate or as an agglomerate and where, for 50% or more of the particles in the number size distribution, one or more external dimensions is in the size range 1 nm – 100 nm." The announcement marks an important step towards greater protection for citizens, clearly defining which materials need special treatment in specific legislation. For further information, you should consult the [press release](#) from European Commission.

Current public consultations

REACH and CLP foresee for a number of cases a public consultation. On our website you can find an [overview](#) of the different public consultations and links to the respective parts of ECHA's website. Check these pages regularly!

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restrictions of CHemicals)

ECHA Agenda on webinars on REACH 2013 available

As a key part of the "REACH 2013 – Act now!" campaign, ECHA organises a series of webinars. The webinars are mainly directed towards supporting lead registrants with some additional webinars open for all. The webinars already held and the Webinar program for 2012/2013 can be consulted in [ECHA Webinars](#) section on ECHA's website.



FORUM Facts report on inspections conducted from May 2010 to April 2011

The Forum for enforcement has completed the second round of inspections of its first coordinated enforcement project (REF-1). It focuses on the results of 791 inspections conducted from May 2010 to April 2011 in 19 countries of the Economic European Area on registration obligations and the SDS. The Forum will publish a full report with conclusions and recommendations for inspectors. This will be made public in due time on the ECHA website. The [facts report](#) is already available. You may also find more information on [Forum](#) on ECHA's website.

Report on the experience of successful REACH registrants available

ECHA published report on the experiences of successful REACH registrants. The feedback of REACH registrants, given in response to a survey by ECHA, provides valuable information for future registrants as well as for the Agency ahead of the 2013 deadline. Further information: [ECHA News alert](#), [ECHA report](#)

New guidances and publications of ECHA

Two ECHA Guidance documents on application for authorisation are now available in 22 EU languages

ECHA Guidance documents on the preparation of an application for authorisation and ECHA Guidance on Socio-Economic Analysis – Authorisation are available now in 22 EU languages.

- [Guidance on the preparation of an application for authorisation](#): which describes how to prepare an application for authorisation, provides guidance on analysis of the alternatives and substitution plan and describes how third parties may prepare and submit information on alternatives.
- [Guidance on the preparation of socio-economic analysis – Authorisation](#): which assists applicants making an application for an authorisation to prepare a socio-economic analysis.

ECHA published several documents on identification and naming of substances under REACH and CLP

ECHA published [concise guidance](#), [corrigendum on guidance](#), and [revised fact sheet](#) on identification and naming of substances under REACH and CLP in order to give guidance for manufacturers and importers on recording and reporting the identity of a substance.

For further information, please visit [our website](#)

CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures)

RAC adopts 13 scientific opinions on the harmonized classification and labelling

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) has adopted 13 opinions on proposals for harmonised classification and labelling across Europe during the period of its 18th and 19th meetings, held from 26 to 28 October 2011 and 29 November to 2 December 2011. Substances concerned are:

CAS Number	Chemical name
65996-93-2	Pitch, coal tar, high temperature (CTPHT)
2687-91-4	N-ethyl-2-pyrrolidone (NEP)
124-30-1	1-Octadecanamine (Octadecylamine)
112-90-3	(Z)-octadec-9-enylamine
61788-45-2	Hydrogenated tallow alkyl amine
611788-46-3	Coco alkyl amine
61790-33-8	Tallow alkyl amine
20859-73-8	Aluminium Phosphide
12057-74-8	Trimagnesium diphosphide
3825-26-1	Ammoniumpentadecafluorooctanoate (APFO)
335-67-1	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
99105-77-8	1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-[2-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl] (Sulcotrione)
1303-00-0	Gallium Arsenide

The final decision for proposals for harmonised classification and labelling will be taken by the European Commission through a committee procedure. More details are available in [ECHA press release](#).

Delay in launching the C&L Inventory

ECHA has decided to delay the launching of the Classification and Labelling Inventory in order to ensure that the information provided by industry will be made publicly available in an accurate way that allows easy and functional access and navigation. The Agency will announce the new launch date by mid January.

For further information, please visit [our website](#)

AGENDA

National events

REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg information sessions will continue in 2012

International events

2-3 February 2012	Lead Registrant Workshop, ECHA, Helsinki, Information and registration on ECHA's website .
2012 / 2013	Webinars as part of the « REACH 2013- Act now » campaign– next event in February 2012. Information and registration on ECHA Webinars section on ECHA's website.

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