

General topics

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg invites you to its third REACH&CLP Coffee!

The next REACH&CLP Coffee will take place on Thursday, 6 October 2011 (in French) and Thursday, 20 October 2011 (in German), at the CRP Henri Tudor in Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This time, the event is organized in collaboration with the "Service de Santé au Travail de l'Industrie (STI)"

On the topic "How do REACH and CLP impact worker protection in Luxembourg?", the Helpdesk team and STI will first inform you about the key points. Afterwards there is ample opportunity to discuss your concrete questions and challenges. If you like to join us, please register until 30 September by sending the [registration form](#) to reach@tudor.lu.

This event is included in the program of the European SME Week 2011. You can find information on other events organized within this framework on the website [SME week 2011](#).

Update of the REACH & CLP Helpdesk website

We now offer a section called "[databases](#)" that lists a number of databases where you can access information on substances and a not exhaustive summary, organized by topic, about the existing databases.

Information on databases is only indicative (and not exhaustive): special attention should be given to different reliability of the information coming from those sources. It should be noted that in all cases, the companies are responsible to ensure the accuracy of the data they communicate, in particular via their Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

Save the date!

On **Thursday 24 November 2011 (12:30 to 5:30 pm)**, the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg holds its annual conference at the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. Around the topic **„REACH&CLP: Lessons learnt and future challenges for companies“**, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg present 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, you are invited to a **networking lunch** where you can discuss in a relaxed atmosphere with the team of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the lecturers and the other participants.

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

Survey: Impact of REACH on the innovativeness of industry in Europe

The European Commission, Directorate General Enterprise and Industry commissioned the Centre for Strategy and Evaluation Services (CSES) to conduct a [study](#) to assess the impact of REACH on the innovativeness of the European chemical industry. This study is a part of the European Commission extensive review of the REACH regulation. CSES is conducting a survey of businesses across the European Union to receive feedback on a number of key issues related to the implementation of the REACH Regulation.

The survey addresses all REACH actors, from manufacturers and importers to downstream users. We kindly ask you to participate in the survey by filling in the questionnaire that you can find [here](#). By participating in this survey, you help to further improve REACH. Final date for completion of the survey is 7 October 2011. Any information provided is confidential and will be dealt with accordingly.

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20 new potential substances of very high concern

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published on its website 20 new proposals to identify chemicals as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). **Interested parties are invited to comment on these 20 substances by 13 October 2011.** 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 inclusion in Annex IV (= substances subject to authorisation).

The substances are: Dichromium tris(chromate), Potassium hydroxyoctaoxodizincatedi-chromate, Pentazinc chromate octahydroxide, Aluminosilicate Refractory Ceramic Fibres (RCF), Zirconia Aluminosilicate Refractory, Ceramic Fibres (Zr-RCF), Formaldehyde, oligomeric reaction products with aniline (technical MDA), Bis(2-methoxyethyl) phthalate, 2-Methoxyaniline; o-Anisidine, 4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol, (4-tert-Octylphenol), 1,2-Dichloroethane, Bis(2-methoxyethyl) ether, Arsenic acid, Calcium arsenate, Trilead diarsenate, N,N-dimethylacetamide (DMAC), 2,2'-dichloro-4,4'-methylenedianiline (MOCA), Phenolphthalein, Lead azide Lead diazide, Lead styphnate, Lead dipicrate.

Further information on this consultation is given in [ECHA's Press Release](#). You can access the current consultations [here](#). A condensed overview of obligations linked to SVHC can be found in our latest special newsletters on [authorisation obligations](#) and [notification of SVHC in articles](#).

New Guidance documents published by ECHA

- [Guidance on the compilation of Safety Data Sheets](#) (SDS): This guidance provides information on what is new in SDS according to REACH in comparison with the previous legislation and on issues to consider when compiling an SDS. It is particularly useful to SMEs and other suppliers of substances and mixtures in European Union and will be soon published in 22 EU languages.
- [Chapter B.8 - Scope of Exposure Assessment](#): New chapter in the Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment to help registrants to determine the scope of the exposure assessment and when it is necessary to conduct it, based on the outcome of the hazard assessment for their substance. For more information, you may consult the [ECHA's News Alert](#).
- [Examples of exposure scenarios](#): ECHA developed practical examples of how to generate exposure scenarios together with the cleaning products industry ([consumer use of a substance in cleaning product](#)) and the construction chemicals industry ([professional use of a substance in floor coating](#)). For more information, please consult [ECHA's News Alert](#).

„QSAR Toolbox“, version 2.2 now available

Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) is the process by which chemical structure is quantitatively correlated with a well defined process, such as biological activity or chemical reactivity. This Toolbox, developed by the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), is now available for downloading. The software helps registrants and authorities to use (Q)SAR methodologies to group chemicals into categories and to fill data gaps by read-across, trend analysis and to assess the (eco)toxicity hazards of chemicals under REACH. Version 2.2 has improved the profiling, the software functionalities and the interface. It also contains new data on mutagenicity. The release is part of a four-year collaborative project between the OECD and ECHA. The new version and supporting material can be downloaded from the [QSAR Toolbox website](#).


ECHA urges industry to check their registration dossiers

Verify your compliance with data sharing and joint submission obligations

ECHA noted that for some substances companies have submitted registrations possibly without taking part in a single SIEF (substance information exchange forum). Registrants who find themselves in this situation are strongly encouraged to verify their compliance with data sharing and joint submission obligations. Registrants may approach the [ECHA Helpdesk](#) to obtain the contact details of other registrants for their substance. Further details can be found in [ECHA's News Alert](#).

Intermediates status

An ECHA screening over 400 dossiers of intermediates lately revealed that, in 86% of the cases, information was found to be inconsistent or missing in relation to intermediate status, specifications of strictly controlled conditions and plausibility of risk management measures (RMMS).



Registrants should not wait for dossier or substance evaluation to bring their dossiers in compliance with REACH (see especially Articles 17 and 18). As announced in ECHA's [News Alert](#), the Agency will continue to examine registration dossiers of intermediates and missing information will be requested from the registrants. The [Guidance on intermediates](#), updated in December 2010, enables registrants to proactively document missing information ([Appendix 3](#)) and to demonstrate that a substance's use fulfils the criteria of an isolated intermediate ([Appendix 4](#) and Article 3(15) REACH).

Assessment Factors

ECHA has examined a number of chemical safety reports in order to verify compliance with requirements set out in Annex I REACH. ECHA's latest [progress report](#) about evaluation under REACH revealed that one main shortcoming identified in the hazard assessment is the incorrect use of non-standard assessment factors without a clear justification.

If assessment factors differ from default values provided in [guidance documents](#) a proper justification is essential. Assessment factors are described in [Part B](#) of the Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment. This guidance document provides among others concise guidance on how to characterise hazards, including possible derivations on DNELs (Chapter [R.8](#)) and PNECs (Chapter [R.10](#)).

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

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

Labelling and packaging guidance now available in 22 languages

ECHA published [the labelling and packaging guidance](#) in 22 languages now.

Reminder: This document is a stand-alone guidance on the labelling and packaging rules for substances and mixtures as set out in the CLP Regulation. It is addressed to manufacturers, importers, downstream users and distributors of chemical substances and mixtures. For more information, consult our [news published in April 2011](#).

Publication of new FAQs

[CLP FAQ update 2.0](#) (Frequently Asked Questions) has been published on the ECHA website.

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AGENDA

National events

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| 06 and 20/10/11 | REACH&CLP Coffee: "How do REACH and CLP impact worker protection in Luxembourg?" Thursday, 6 October (French) and Thursday, 20 October (German), L-Kirchberg, CRP Henri Tudor, 16h-17h30. |
| 24/11/11 | REACH&CLP Helpdesk Annual Conference, in French and German (simultaneous translation), L-Kirchberg, Chamber of Commerce, 12h30-17h30. |

International events

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| 03 to 09/10/11 | European SME week, more information on events organized within this framework on the website " SME week 2011 ". |
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