General topics

Discover an information program for your needs!

REACH regulation imposes **new conditions on the marketing and use of chemicals**, with the establishment of procedures for registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals. In parallel, CLP Regulation introduced a **new system of classification**, **labeling and packaging** of chemical substances and mixtures.

Within the framework of its activities, the **REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg** offers a range of information sessions. This year, to better covers your needs, we offer several forms of events. The two main one are:



The "REACH&CLP Coffee", is mainly aimed at an audience of industry experts, lasting 2 hours (late afternoon), in English, with a limited number of participants to allow optimal exchange on specific subjects.



The **training cycle** allows everyone to get information tailored to their needs. It is based on four levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced and expert). This year's training cycle begins with the Lunch Meetings (see box).

Our events are free but require prior registration. For more information you may consult our flyer on <u>upcoming event 2012</u>.

Save the date!

Lunch meetings:

May 2012- N° 20 - English version

"Understand key issues and challenges of REACH&CLP":

French: 5 June (CLP regulation) and 26 June (REACH regulation), German: 12 June (CLP regulation) and 19 June (REACH regulation).

Download the invitation flyer and the registration form here.

ECHA's webinars to help firm to prepare for REACH 2013 registration deadline.

Complete program: here.

Next webinars on 21 May (Chesar 2.0) and on 11 June (SMEs and REACH)

Luxembourgish Forum on safety and health at work: presentation available



The 2012 edition of the Forum luxembourgeois de la sécurité et de la santé au travail took place on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 at Luxexpo. The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg was present with its own stand at this exhibition. Visitors on our stand learnt more about our activities but also **discovered our software "REACH Excel Tool" and its interactive guide**. The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg also introduced the CLP and its impact in terms of communication on chemical risk including labelling and Safety Data Sheets during a workshop. The presentation (in French) is available here.

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

Registration 2013: Downstream users should request by 31 May 2012 that their uses become identified uses



Article 37(2) REACH gives downstream users the right to make a use known in writing to their immediate supplier of a substance or mixture, with the aim of having their use covered in the registration. This is particularly important for substances which are supplied with an exposure scenario. By informing the supplier, downstream users can avoid that their use is not covered by the registration and subsequently not included in the exposure scenarios of the safety datasheets which may lead for the downstream user to an interruption of supply.

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According Article 37(3) REACH, the request should be sent by the downstream user at least 12 months before the deadline in question. The next REACH registration deadline for the so called phase-in substances is 31 May 2013. Hence, downstream user should send their request for these substances by 31 May 2012.

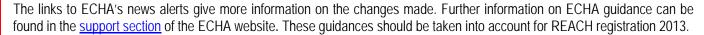
The 2013 deadline applies to pre-registered substances manufactured or imported in amounts of 100 tons per year. Downstream user can check on ECHA website if their substances are foreseen for registration in 2013 (<u>Substances identified by industry to be registered by 31 May 2013</u>, <u>List of pre-registered substances</u>). The ECHA guidance for downstream users describes in chapter 8 the steps how downstream user can request that a use becomes an identified use.

Should I communicate all uses for all substances that I use?

A priori, the standard uses of the substances are already being addressed by suppliers and sometimes it makes more sense to prioritize and target specific uses of your business. Your trade association (national or European) can help you to have an overview of your uses. Contact it!

ECHA published updates for the following REACH guidance

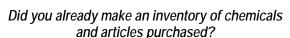
- Guidance on registration
- Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment for nanomaterials
- Guidance for monomers and polymers



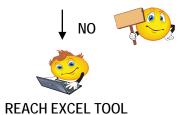
ECHA opened lately new public consultations

- <u>Testing proposal</u> in order to avoid unnecessary animal testing: 3 public consultations are on-going with the following deadlines: 1 June 2012 (2 substances), 14 June 2012 (1 substance) and 7 July 2012 (5 substances).
- <u>Public consultation</u> on a draft scientific review report on phthalates DINP and DIDP already submitted to restrictions under REACH (entry 52 of annex XVII), the deadline to submit comments is 31 July 2012.

REACH Excel Tool updated









REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg offers you an update of its optimized "REACH EXCEL Tool".

It can be downloaded, free of charge, in French or in German on our "<u>REACH Excel Tool</u>" webpage

This tool proposes you the following advantages:

- Identify the **status of your company** in relation to the REACH regulation and the obligations,
- Monitor your suppliers and avoid supply disruptions,
- Manage the follow-up of the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and check the exposure scenarios annexed to the SDS,
- Provide a **regulatory monitoring** to the authorities or the clients,
- Detect **potential improvement** for health and/or environment protection.

For further information, please visit our website

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Public consultations for harmonised classification and labelling (CLH)

Two rounds of public consultations are on-going, the <u>first one</u> on fenoxaprop-P-ethyl (herbicide) and 8:2 Fluorotelomer alcohol (8:2 FTOH) (coating agent for textiles) will end on 1 June 2012. The <u>second one</u> concerns four pesticides (isoxaflutole, tembotrione, metosulam, potassium sorbate) and a flame retardant (Tetrakis (2,6-dimethylphenyl)-m-phenylene bisphosphate) and will end on 28 June 2012. CLH reports and the web-form to report comments are available on <u>ECHA's website</u>. Remember to check regularly the RAC's opinions (Risk Assessment Committee) and the <u>registry of intentions</u> to anticipate the potential impact on your activities and to have time to prepare comments if you wish to submit some during the process.

Updated Guidance on applying CLP Criteria

ECHA has published an updated version of the <u>Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria</u>. In parallel, ECHA has released a report on a workshop concerning the validity of the concept of "rapid removal" for aquatic environmental long-term hazard classification of metals and inorganic metal compounds. The <u>report of that Workshop</u> held on 8 February 2012 is now available for the public.

Content and structure of the guidance were thoroughly revised and amended to align with the second ATP to the CLP Regulation. The main changes are:

- Update of its environmental criteria chapters to take into account the Second Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) amending CLP Regulation.
- Revised Part 1 (General principles for classification), Part 4 (Environmental hazards) and all Annexes of the Guidance.
- New Part 5 (Additional Hazards)
- Improvement or replacement of some of the classification examples.

C&L inventory: rules for group notification extended

ECHA accepts group notification to the Classification and Labelling Inventory (C&L inventory) for companies who are not themselves manufacturers or importers. The European Commission has clarified that ECHA may allow third parties, such as Only Representatives (ORs) appointed under the REACH Regulation, to submit C&L notifications under Article 40 of the CLP Regulation. This can be applied under the condition that the importer remains responsible for the notification and the system stays enforceable.

We take this opportunity to remind you that the duty to notify to the C&L inventory is still current. For more information visit our news from 15 May 2012.

For further information, please visit our website

AGENDA

This section is updated regularly on our website, consult it at www.reach.lu/agenda.

National events

June 2012	Lunch Meetings: Two information sessions will be held at the Chambre des Métiers – Luxembourg Kirchberg -
	from 12 to 13:30. Each session is proposed in French (5 and 26 June) and German (12 and 19 June)

International events

17 June 2012	Training course: Chemical safety assessment for the REACH 2013 registration deadline, 17 June 2012 in
	Stockholm (during the EUROTOX 2012 Congress); Further information: <u>here</u> .

You will find presentations from the events organized by ECHA in section "events" of ECHA's website.

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