

GENERAL TOPICS

PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE FROM "REACH&CLP - WHAT ARE DOWN- STREAM USERS OBLIGATIONS?" OF 25 OCTOBER 2012

More than 60 professionals came to learn and share their experience during this information day. The presentations are now available [here](#).

The interventions highlighted the obligations of downstream users laid down by the REACH and CLP regulations. The participants were also informed about the obligations of their suppliers and the companies Luxcontrol (Luxembourg) and Ecomundo (Paris) reported their practical experiences. Participants were also trained in the [REACH Excel Tool](#) developed by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg.

Finally, the day ended with a "REACH&CLP Coffee" where the Helpdesk briefly presented the main points from a workshop on exposure scenarios, on which the Helpdesk team attended in Copenhagen last September, followed by an open discussions.

Save the date: Annual conference on 4 December 2012

On 4 December 2012 (12:30 to 5:30 pm), the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg holds its **annual conference** at the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg (in French and German).

The event consists of two parts: During the conference „**REACH&CLP: implementation 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 a Luxembourgish SME (Catalyst Recovery Europe S.A.), recommendations from the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) on the authorization process and a presentation from the Only Representative Organization (ORO) on the role of the only representative.

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.

Further information and the registration form can be found [here](#).

REMINDER: Registrants and notifiers should update their dossiers according to the provisions of the second ATP to CLP

ECHA reminds companies that **the classification, labelling and packaging provisions of the second ATP** (Adaptation to Technical and scientific Progress) amending the CLP regulation **must be applied to substances by 1 December 2012**. The [second ATP](#) contains inter alia amendments concerning new subcategories for the hazard classes of respiratory and skin sensitization, a revision of the classification criteria for aquatic chronic toxicity and a new hazard class ("hazardous to the ozone layer"). **Companies are requested to classify, label and package their substances in compliance with the new provisions as well as update their REACH registration dossiers and notifications to the C&L Inventory by 1 December 2012**. More information can be found in the [ECHA News Alert](#).

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

Registration:

* Intermediates: ECHA urges 574 registrants to improve the quality of their dossiers

ECHA has conducted a new IT-based screening of all REACH intermediate registration dossiers, which has raised serious quality and potential compliance concerns. The concerned registrants have been directly informed via REACH-IT and are requested to review and update their dossiers with correct information over the next three months. After this period, ECHA plans to screen these dossiers again and identify those that will be subject to further regulatory actions. The outcome of previous screenings of intermediate dossiers undertaken in 2010 and 2011 by ECHA had raised already serious concerns about the compliance of these dossiers.

More information can be found in [ECHA's press release](#) and in the report from the [Workshop on Strictly Controlled Conditions](#) held in May 2012.

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* Two-week interruption of the inquiry process in November

The new version of REACH IT, to be launched in November/December, will bring major improvements for potential registrants that have to submit an inquiry before being able to register. To permit the change-over, ECHA will not be able to process inquiries two weeks ahead of the release. With the new version, users can access the contact details of existing registrants directly within REACH-IT once ECHA has checked the substance identity. A separate information via snail mail will not be sent anymore. ECHA enhanced its technical completeness check plug-in tool (TCC) so that companies can check their inquiry dossier before submitting it. Both measures are expected to shorten the duration of the whole inquiry process.

The REACH IT homepage will be updated regularly to provide more details closer to the release date. More information [here](#).

* Tools: New versions available

Chesar 2.1: New functionalities are added to ECHA's Chemical Safety Assessment and Reporting tool ([Chesar](#)) to better support the preparation of chemical safety reports. After already covering assessment tools for the environment and workers, for the first time, an exposure estimation tool for consumers is included. ECHA recommends that registrants from now on use Chesar 2.1 to prepare or update their registration dossiers. Further information can be found in [ECHA's News Alert](#).

QSAR toolbox 3.0: A new version of the OECD QSAR Toolbox can be downloaded from the [QSAR Toolbox website](#). The new QSAR Toolbox 3.0 contains many new features, e.g. a quantitative mixtures toxicity prediction and the inclusion of additional data sources including study results from the REACH dissemination website. For further information please consult also the [ECHA news alert](#).

ECHA organised a workshop introducing the new QSAR Toolbox version 3.0 on 20 November 2012 in Helsinki. More information [here](#).

Evaluation:

* ECHA publishes a new webpage about animal testing under REACH

REACH strikes a balance between the need of information to increase our understanding of the hazards of chemical substances, and the aim of avoiding unnecessary testing on animals. In this framework, ECHA published a [new section on animal testing](#) on its website where information on the legal background, the role of ECHA, the test requirements and a list of the most relevant documents on this issue can be found.

* ECHA announces draft plan for substance evaluation 2013-2015

ECHA has published its proposal to [update the Community Rolling Action Plan \(CoRAP\)](#) for 2013-2015. The draft plan contains 116 substances that are proposed to be reviewed by the Member States under the substance evaluation process. Substance evaluation aims at clarifying a specific concern for a substance. Results can be a request to the registrants of the substance for additional data and/or certain regulatory actions (e.g. a restriction proposal). Further information can be found in [ECHA's Press release](#).

Authorisation:

* Candidate List: Update for end of 2012 intends to add 54 new SVHC

Not less than 54 substances, the highest number ever, were proposed as new Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) and will, if they fulfil the criteria, enter the Candidate List end of 2012. More information on those substances in the [ECHA news alert](#).

Restrictions :

* New restrictions added to Annex XVII REACH

New restrictions were added to Annex XVII REACH:

Cadmium in plastic materials ([Regulation \(EU\) No. 835/2012](#)); **Lead** in jewellery (equal to or greater than 0.05%) ([Regulation \(EU\) No. 836/2012](#)); **Mercury** in measuring devices for industrial and professional uses such as thermometers and hygrometers ([Regulation \(EU\) No. 847/2012](#)); **Phenylmercury compounds**: Manufacturing, placing on the market and use of substances, mixtures, articles and parts of articles if mercury content is equal to or above 0.01% ([Regulation \(EU\) No. 848/2012](#))

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



ECHA WEBINARS

You can find the records and the presentations of the previous webinars on the preparation of the REACH deadline 2013 in the "[Webinars](#)" section of the ECHA website.

The dates of the upcoming Webinars can also be found in our [Agenda](#) section.

REACH STATISTICS

The new REACH registration statistics are now [available](#).

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

* Harmonised Classification and Labelling (HCL): Last update

- [Registry of submitted HCL](#) dossiers has recently been updated with two new submissions: **Acetochlor** (herbicide), at the request of Spain, and **Tinuvin 123** (mainly used as a light stabiliser in paints, inks, and resins) where Germany proposed to remove Aquatic Chronic 4 – H 413.
- The Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) has adopted **5 scientific opinions** on HCL: Cymoxanil, 4-vinylcyclohexene (VCH), Fenoxycarb, Tralkoxydim, Penconazole. More information in the [ECHA news alert](#).
- On-going [public consultations](#) for **three active substances in plant protection products** (carvone, methaldehyde, dimethenamid-P) and **lead** until 7 December 2012.

* C&L Inventory updated

ECHA updated its public Classification and Labelling (C&L) Inventory with information if notifiers have indicated a substance as not classified. The Inventory also includes all notifications for EINECS substances. Now, the Inventory shows all notifications for substances for which there is at least one notification classifying it as hazardous according to Article 119(1) of REACH. In addition, all notifications for substances on the EC inventory are also provided.

The [current version of the C&L inventory](#) contains approximately 5.3 million notifications relating to 120 000 substances. The Inventory is maintained by ECHA and the data is refreshed on a regular basis. More information on the last update in [ECHA's press release](#).

* ECHA published a toolkit for communication on new hazard pictograms

ECHA is partnering the EU-OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work) "Healthy Workplaces" campaign by promoting the safe use of chemicals. The two EU agencies jointly launched the online toolkit, which includes: a [Poster](#), a [Leaflet](#) (alerting employers and workers to the meaning of the new hazard pictograms introduced by the CLP Regulation), a Campaign video "[Danger: chemicals!](#)", a [Study on Communication on the safe use of chemicals](#) [PDF].

The online toolkit represents a practical response to the need for raising further awareness about the new danger signals, which was identified in ECHA's recent survey on "Communication on the Safe Use of Chemicals".

Find all the communication media provided by ECHA under the section "[Press Material](#)" on ECHA's website.

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AGENDA

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

National events

04 Dec 2012	Annual Conference REACH & CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg , Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg 12:30 to 17:30
17 Dec 2012	Betrieb an Umwelt : « Commodo - Incommodo » - Comment gérer l'autorisation d'exploitation après son obtention ? , Conference center of the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

International events

22 Nov 2012 23 Nov 2012	New ECHA webinars for the "REACH 2013: Act now !" campaign (the recording of these lately held webinars can be watched at ECHA website): Registration process II (Technical completeness check+ Invoicing and payment) REACH-IT Co-Registrants Page
20 Nov 2012	Workshop on the version 3.0 of QSAR Toolbox , in Helsinki.

You will find presentations from ECHA events [section "events"](#) of ECHA's website.