

GENERAL TOPICS

Season's Greetings !

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg will be closed from Monday 24 December 2012 to Wednesday 02 January 2013. Waiting to see you again in 2013, our team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



ECHA survey to improve its dissemination portal - your feedback is needed!

ECHA intends to restructure the presentation of the information in the dissemination portal (including the [registered substances database](#) and the [classification and labelling inventory](#)) to reach a broader audience and better address the needs of all its user groups.

Your input in this [survey](#) is crucial for making ECHA aware of your specific needs and determining the way forward for improving the readability and user friendliness of dissemination of information online. The survey will be available **until 21 December** and will take around 20 minutes of your time.

Feedback from the annual REACH & CLP conference

Over 50 participants took part in the sixth edition of the Conference & Networking Lunch: **Implementation of regulations REACH & CLP and challenges ahead** held on 4 December

2012 and organized by the team of the REACH & CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg with the support of Fedil-Business Federation Luxembourg, the Enterprise Europe Network, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Economy and foreign Trade.

First, all actors shared their experience in a relaxed atmosphere during the networking lunch. Then, the conference was officially opened by Caroline Fedrigo presenting the activities of REACH & CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, followed by these presentations:

- Anja Klauk presented by videoconference, from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki, ECHA operation and stakeholder participation processes using the procedure of harmonized classification and labeling as an example.
- Dr. Erwin Annys, European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) in Brussels presented in detail the authorization procedure and key issues related to it.
- The role of the only representative in the implementation of the REACH Regulation was introduced by Dr. Dieter Drohmann, Only Representative Organisation (ORO) & Chemservice, Luxembourg.
- Simon Herzog, Catalyst Recovery Europe SA (Porocel), Luxembourg gave a concrete example of the application of REACH in a small business.

Finally, Dr. Arno Biber, REACH & CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, informed about the latest developments and the challenges of the up-coming years. Presentations are available in the [documentation section](#).

SURVEY ON EXPECTATIONS AND CONDUCTS OF SMEs OF THE GREATER REGION TOWARDS AWARENESS RAISING ACTIONS

This survey aims to have a better understanding of expectations and conducts of very small companies and small & medium size companies (SMEs) towards awareness raising actions proposed by stakeholders as Chambers, Luxinnovation, CRP Henri Tudor, etc. It will allow improving the ways of communication, the content and also the format.

This survey (in French), which take 10 minutes to fill in, is available [here](#).

Help us to have more knowledge on you in order to adapt our awareness raising actions to your expectations!





Preliminary results of enforcement project point to high rates of non-compliance among chemical formulators

The preliminary results of REACH-EN-FORCE-2 were presented to the participants of the 13th plenary meeting of the Forum (Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement) which took place from 27 to 30 November 2012 in Helsinki. The project looked at the obligations of formulators of mixtures and the quality of safety data sheets (SDSs).

The results highlighted the serious efforts Member States are taking to establish a harmonised approach to enforcement. In total, 29 Member States participated in the project with national inspectors carrying out approximately 1 200 inspections; 85% of the inspected companies were SMEs. The rate of companies submitting non-compliant SDSs was 52%, the rate of non-compliance with the (pre)registration obligations was 12% while the rate of non-compliance with CLP notification obligations was 25%.

More information in [ECHA press release](#) or on [ECHA's Forum web pages](#).

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

REACH FAQ 13.18 clarifies duties on registration numbers in SDS

A new Frequently Asked Question (FAQ 13.18) clarifies that Section 1.1 and Section 3.2.4 of Annex II of REACH do not require suppliers to indicate registration numbers for substances for which an alternative name (Art.24 CLP) has been granted in the safety data sheets (SDSs) for the mixtures concerned. You will find the FAQs in section "[support](#)" and more information on [alternative name in mixture under CLP](#) in the dedicated section on ECHA's website.

Registration :

* **Company names and registration numbers now published on ECHA's website**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has now published company names and registration numbers from REACH registration dossiers. ECHA will add further information from safety data sheets to its website over the coming months. Today's publication follows the 2011 decision to extend the content of information published on chemicals to include company names, registration numbers and PBT/vPvB assessment results. Registrants were able to review their dossiers and submit confidentiality claims before the end of October 2012 if publication of the additional information was seen to harm their legitimate commercial interests. As planned, ECHA has now started releasing the additional information that has not been claimed confidential. At the same time, the search function has been extended. The next release, starting in December, will see the publication of the PBT/vPvB assessment results. More information in [ECHA's new alert](#).

* **ECHA updates its illustrative example of chemical safety report.**

To support companies in complying with their obligations under REACH, ECHA released an illustrative example of a chemical safety report in May 2012. Now, the example has been updated to align it with the IT tools available to registrants to undertake and document their chemical safety assessment (IUCLID 5.4 and Chesar 2.1).

Whilst the content of the chemical safety report has remained mostly the same, the way in which the information is reported has changed so that it now follows the structure provided by the current IT tool versions. In particular, the information in CSR chapters 9 and 10 (exposure scenario, exposure assessment and risk characterization) has been restructured in order to improve the readability and presentation of key data in the CSR. Templates that suggest how the information in sections 9 and 10 can be reported have also been published by ECHA. More information in [ECHA's news alert](#) (including the link to the relevant practical guides published by ECHA).

* **REACH-IT updated**

REACH IT has been updated by 30 November. The new release introduces the Co-Registrants page, which gives potential and existing registrants direct access to each other's contact details. Further details can be found in the [ECHA News Alert](#). ECHA published also the [material](#) from its late webinar on the REACH-IT Co-Registrants Page.

* **ECHA Guidance updates and six-month moratorium before REACH2013 deadline**

To allow registrants to concentrate on preparing dossiers for the next REACH registration deadline, ECHA has placed a six-month moratorium on Guidance and IT-tool updates starting on 1 December 2012 and ending on 31 May 2013. Before the start of the moratorium, several guidance documents were updated:

- [Practical Guide 3: How to report robust study summaries](#) (for details see [ECHA News Alert](#)).
- [Guidance on Information requirements and chemical safety assessment \(IR&CSA\) - Part E: Risk Characterisation regarding qualitative risk characterisation for health hazards](#) (for details see [ECHA News Alert](#)).



- [Guidance on Information requirements and chemical safety assessment \(IR&CSA\) - R.7.1 Physicochemical properties](#) (for details see [ECHA News Alert](#)).

You find the updated guidance documents in the [Support Section](#) of the ECHA website.

Evaluation:

* **Member States' Risk Assessments performed under the old chemicals regulation are now available**

ECHA has now added the Risk Assessments performed by the Member States for the substances, under old chemicals legislations, to its website, in the section "Information on Chemicals".

Before REACH entered into force in 2007, chemicals were regulated by a number of different regulations and directives. The Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 - also known as the Existing Substances Regulation (ESR) - was one of these. It introduced a comprehensive framework for the evaluation and control of "existing substances", i.e. substances that were on the market before 1982. The ESR stated that the Commission, in consultation with the Member States, would regularly draw up lists of priority substances which require immediate attention because of their potential effects to human health or the environment. Between 1994 and 2007, four such priority lists were published, with a total of 141 substances.

The table giving a complete overview on the risk assessments performed by the Member States for each of the 141 substances listed in the four priority lists, is available on [ECHA's website](#).

Authorisation:

* **SVHC: New SVHC intentions published and new web form for SVHC in articles**

ECHA launched a new web form for EU producers and importers to submit notifications for substances of very high concern (SVHC) in articles. The new web form and further information are available at the [ECHA website](#). In the registry of intention, four new substances were added for which a Member States intends to prepare a dossier for the identification as SVHC. It is a group of potential PBT substances (persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic) proposed by Germany with the intention to submit the respective dossiers in February 2013: 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-ditertpentylphenol (UV-328); 2-benzotriazol-2-yl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenol (UV-320); 2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)phenol (UV-327); 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4-(tert-butyl)-6-(sec-butyl)phenol (UV-350).

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

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

* **Updated Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published on its website an update of the Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria related to health hazards following the conclusion of a consultation process.

The [Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria](#) for Part 3 Health Hazards, relating to specific concentration limits (SCLs) for four hazard classes, has been updated to provide guidance to manufacturers, importers and downstream users on how to set SCLs. The SCL concept allows fine-tuning of the contribution of certain hazardous substances to the classification of mixtures based on the potency of the substances. More information in [ECHA's news alert](#) of 20 November 2012.

* **Reminder: some obligations for substances and mixtures entered into effect since 1/12/2012**

Companies must label and package all hazardous substances according to the CLP Regulation and update their Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) for substances and mixtures to comply with the amendments of the REACH Regulation since 1 December 2012.

Concerning substances, companies must re-label and re-package in accordance with the CLP Regulation all substances that are currently labelled and packaged according to the Dangerous Substances Directive (DSD, directive 67/548/EEC). However, all hazardous substances must continue to be classified in accordance with both the CLP Regulation and the Dangerous Substances Directive until 1st June 2015 (in order to enable the classification and labelling of mixtures for which CLP applies by 1st June 2015).

In addition, companies must update the SDSs of substances and mixtures according to the amended Annex II of REACH ([Regulation \(UE\) 453/2010](#)), also from 1 December 2012. This update will include changes in format and content.

Companies should ensure that they comply fully with the new requirements.

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AGENDA

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

National events

The program of 2013 events will be available soon.

International events

11-12/02/2013	ECHA seminar on applications for authorisation future applicants (more details to come).
26/03/2013	Eighth Stakeholder's Day in Helsinki (special focus on the 2013 registration deadline).

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