

General topics

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg is pleased to invite you to its next information sessions on Tuesday, 19 March 2013:
"REACH Excel Tool" Training

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg invites you to become familiar with the use of its "REACH Excel Tool". This tool is designed for companies that buy chemical products (substances and mixtures) and articles. The training will take place in the form of an interactive training session (using PC) and is aimed at those who want to become familiar with the "REACH Excel Tool". It is also a good approach to understand your obligations under REACH (level: beginners & intermediate).

These events, free of charge but registration is required, will take place from 3.30 to 5.00 pm in the premises of the Public Research Centre Henri Tudor (29, avenue John F. Kennedy) at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This session will be held in German (similar session in French in September). The Training is jointly organised by CRP Henri Tudor and the Chambre de Métiers Luxembourg. [Registration available here.](#)

Worker protection and extended Safety data Sheet

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the union federation IndustriAll are extending their REACH information campaign for workers. In cooperation with ECHA and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), the campaign promotes the understanding of REACH exposure scenarios and steps for companies to ensure the safe use of hazardous substances.

Further information on this joint campaign with European trade unions on employers' obligations under REACH is available on [ECHA's website](#). Two information leaflets on REACH aimed at workers representatives are also available on ECHA's Website in all EU languages:

- [Leaflet on extended safety data sheets and exposure scenarios](#) (January 2013)
- [Leaflet on REACH 2013](#) (June 2012).

New section "Challenges 2013" on our website!

The REACH2013 section of our website has been updated and is now called "REACH&CLP 2013". You will now find two sub-sections "Challenges 2013" and "REACH Registration 2013".

The "[Challenges 2013](#)" section gives an overview of the milestones linked to the obligations in the REACH and CLP procedures. A calendar summarizes the key dates to be kept in mind.

The "[REACH Registration 2013](#)" section summarizes the main actions and links to relevant documents to best prepare a submission of registration dossiers for the 2013 deadline.

Latest updates:

- **QSAR Toolbox 3.1:** The first update to the third generation of the OECD QSAR Toolbox is available [for download](#).
- **Presentations of webinar "How to bring your registration dossier in compliance with REACH - Tips and hints, part 2"** : now [available online](#).
- **Question and Answer** on dissemination and confidentiality claims of Safety Data Sheet information in IUCLID 5.4 [updated](#).

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Save the date: Our list of events planned for 2013 is available!

You can consult on our website, the list of events planned for 2013 by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg. To facilitate the selection of your program, we have defined three indicative levels: beginner, intermediate and expert. The summary flyer is available in the "[Agenda](#)" section. This document also summarizes in general terms the services we offer as national helpdesk.

Commission publishes REACH Review and Roadmap for SVHC

Lately, the Commission published the General Report "Review of REACH" and its draft of the Roadmap for SVHCs identification and implementation of REACH Risk Management measures from now to 2020.

Besides the [General Report](#) itself (soon to be published in all official journal), a [Staff Working Document](#) gives more explanations. An overview of the main findings and the next steps can be found in the [Commission Press Release](#).

In cooperation with Member States and ECHA, the Commission is developing a roadmap to assess and identify substances of very high concern (SVHC). It will set out clear milestones, deliverables and the division of work between the Commission, Member States and ECHA to place all relevant known SVHC on the candidate list by 2020. The Commission published now its [draft](#) that will be further discussed with the actors involved.

Registration:

- **Update REACH fee regulation expected in March**

Following the "[REACH review](#)", further reduction of the REACH fees for SMEs are envisaged by European Commission. Furthermore, an indexation of the fees for not-SMEs is proposed. The new regulation is supposed to enter into force before the REACH registration deadline of 31 May 2013.



- **New tool to improve registration dossier quality**

ECHA has launched the [Dossier Quality Assistant](#) to help registrants to detect potential inconsistencies in their registration dossiers. Registrants are recommended to make use of the tool to proactively update dossiers or check new dossiers before submission to ECHA in order to improve the quality of REACH registrations.

- **New IUCLID CSR plug-in to create full chemical safety report**

ECHA launched a new version of the [IUCLID chemical safety report \(CSR\) plug-in](#). With the new release, registrants are able to integrate information directly from the Chemical safety assessment and reporting tool (Chesar) to easily create the full chemical safety report.

- **Warning: Is your substance no longer to be registered in 2013?**

ECHA is now publishing the list to raise awareness on substances to be registered in May 2013, for which ECHA has so far neither received a lead registrant nomination nor a registration despite the fact that industry has flagged its intention to register the substance in 2013. The list currently contains around 700 substances. ECHA calls on registrants and downstream users to bring clarity on that list.

If your substance is on the list, you should contact your supplier if you are a downstream user or your SIEF members if you are a manufacturer or importer. Industry trade associations and ECHA may provide further support on deciding on the next steps. Further information can be found in the [ECHA press release](#).

Evaluation:

- **Consultation on testing proposals**

Several public consultations relating to examinations of testing proposals in the framework of dossiers evaluation are currently ongoing (deadline 1, 8 and 18 March 2013). More information can be found on [ECHA's website](#).

- **Substance evaluation: Tips for registrants and downstream users**

ECHA published a leaflet with tips for registrants and downstream users on [substance evaluation](#). It aims at companies that manufacture, import or use substances that have been included in the [Community Rolling Action Plan](#) (CoRAP) for substance evaluation under REACH. The leaflet provides practical advice for companies on how to participate in the substance evaluation process in five steps. The leaflet is [available](#) in all EU languages. The English version can be found [here](#).

Restriction:

- **New Amendment of Annex XVII REACH (restrictions)**

Annex XVII REACH that defines restrictions on manufacturing, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles has been amended by [Regulation \(EU\) 126/2013](#). More information can be found on [our website](#).

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

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

ECHA launches the Classification and Labelling Platform

The new C&L Inventory feature is a web-based discussion forum where C&L notifiers and REACH registrants of the same substance can come together and agree on the classification and labelling of their substance. The publication of the [C&L Platform](#) is one of the ECHA initiatives to support companies to proactively work on the quality of their notifications and better fulfill their legal obligations to come to agreed entries on the C&L Inventory, when appropriate. Registrant and notifiers are strongly encouraged to use this tool that allows them to fulfill their obligation to agree on a (self-)classification for the same substance, as foreseen in Article 41 CLP. Further information can be found in our [News from 31 January 2013](#).

Harmonised Classification and Labelling (CLH)

Two [public consultations](#), on 1,2 epoxybutane (CAS: 106-88-7) and sulfoxaflor (CAS: 946578-00-3), are ongoing until 25 March 2013.

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

19/03/2013	Training series: "REACH Excel Tool" training, CRP Henri Tudor, Luxembourg-Kirchberg, 3:30-5 pm. More information and registration form available here .
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International events

26/03/2013	Eighth Stakeholder's Day in Helsinki (special focus on the 2013 registration deadline).
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[Next ECHA webinars](#) for REACH registration 2013:

05/03/2013	Key steps needed to successfully submit a member registration dossier by the 31 May 2013. Open to member registrants.
08/04/2013	How and when downstream users need to report to ECHA. Open for all.

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