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# General things

## Feedback from the annual REACH&CLP conference

Over 70 participants took part in the 7th edition of the "*Conference & Networking Lunch: Implementation of REACH&CLP regulations and future challenges*" organised 5 December 2013 by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, a service of Public Research Centre Henri Tudor with the support of the FEDIL-Business Federation Luxembourg, the Enterprise Europe Network, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade. Starting with a friendly networking lunch, during which participants were able to discuss on the subject with the team of REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the speakers as well as other participants, the event was then opened by a presentation of Caroline Fedrigo on the activities of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg.

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• Arno Biwer of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk then presented a state of the art on the developments in the different processes of REACH and CLP in 2013 and outlined the perspectives for 2014.

• Caroline Braibant, Secretary General of the European Federation of Precious Metals, subsequently addressed a hot topic: the status of nanomaterials under REACH.

• Ruth Moeller of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk opened the second part of the conference dedicated to the authorisation process and explained the different steps of this procedure highlighting the importance of substitution.

• Katarina Pirselova of the European Commission then presented the 2020 action plan for Substances of Very High Concern, SVHC Roadmap 2020.

• Samira Abdesslam of the Technical center for mechanical industry (Cetim) presented a concrete example of the impact of the authorisation process on the companies in the mechanical sector.

In conclusion, Caroline Fedrigo reminded that a proactive approach to legislation allows companies to manage risks linked with their activities and is often a source of innovation. She also presented the program of events for 2014.

More information on the annual conference is available <u>here</u>. The presentations are available on the <u>CRP Henri Tudor website</u> in the "Downloads" section.

Event jointly organised by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg and the European Chemicals Agency

On Thursday 17 October 2013 was Held the sixth REACH&CLP Coffee around the thematic: REACH Authorisation: My substance is on Annex XIV – what to do next?", organised by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg in collaboration with the European Chemical Agency (ECHA).

The topic has been introduced through presentations by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk on the different steps in the authorisation process including relevant timelines, ECHA provided information about the decision linked to the substitution by alternative substances and the factors to be considered in the context of an authorisation application. In addition, the steps of the procedure for submitting an application and support services offered by ECHA were presented by the latter. Participants were able to ask questions directly to the speakers of the ECHA, member of ECHA's Risk Management Unit.

Presentations of the event are now <u>online</u> available.

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# Season's greetings!

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg will be closed from Monday 23 December 2013 to Friday 03 January 2014 including. Waiting to see you again in 2014, our team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# REACH & CLP: on-going public consultation

Several public consultations are on-going and available on the ECHA website. They are related to new proposals for harmonised classification and labelling, testing proposals and proposals for restriction.

- proposals for harmonised classification and labelling: related to 3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dinenitril, deadline 10 January 2014; to a herbicide (acetochlor) and to iodomethane, deadline 20 January 2014; to a solvent (N,N-dimethylacetamide), to perfluorononan-1-oic acid and its salts and to a biocide (Tinuvin 123), deadline 27 January 2014; to ten copper compounds (e.g. copper (II) oxide, copper sulphate pentahydrate, copper thiocyanate...), deadline 3 February 2014.
- testing proposals: there are 2 deadlines: 31 December 2013 (1 substance) and 10 January 2014 (1 substance).
- proposals for restriction: reminder, 3 restriction proposals are on-going on the manufacture and industrial and professional uses of NMP and on the nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylated in textile articles. Deadline 18 March 2014.

A new restriction proposal is also on-going on cadmium and its compounds in paints. Deadline 17 June 2014, but early comments are welcome by 28 February 2014 to assist with the first discussions on the proposals.

A consultation has been launched on the draft opinion of the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) for lead and its compounds intended for consumer use. Deadline 14 February 2014 and the final opinion should be adopted 21 March 2014.

Use chemicals safely at work - New section on ECHA's website

ECHA launched dedicated webpages for workers containing practical information and examples how REACH, CLP and the Biocides regulation (BPR) can enhance their health and safety at work. Further information <u>here</u>.

Report published on the methodologies employed in the environmental risk assessment of petroleum substances

ECHA published a report providing conclusions and recommendations for improving the scientific validity and applicability of the most common methods used to assess the environmental risks of petroleum substances. Further information <u>here</u>.

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

#### Authorisation

Candidate List updated with seven new substances of very high concern (SVHCs)

On 16 December 2013, 7 new SVHC have been added to the Candidate List for authorisation, which now contains a total of 151 substances. As a reminder, the use of these "substances of very high concern" (SVHC) is not forbidden and they may continue to be placed on the market but are subject to communication duties by suppliers in accordance with Articles 31, 32 and 33 of REACH.

As reminder too, manufacturers and importers of articles that contain one of the substances must notify ECHA pursuant to Article 7.2 REACH. The deadline for notifying these seven substances is 16 June 2014.

More information in ECHA's press release and consultation of Candidate list here.

New public consultations on application for authorisation

ECHA has received sixteen applications for authorisation for uses of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) and dibutyl phthalate (DBP). ECHA now invites interested parties to submit relevant information on alternatives to these uses. Deadline: 8 January 2014. Further information on the webpage "<u>Applications for authorisation</u>".

SVHC Roadmap 2020

ECHA's website now contains a designated section giving stakeholders and the general public regularly updated information on how the Agency, the European Commission and the EU Member States plan to implement the SVHC Roadmap to 2020. This Roadmap aims to have all relevant substances of very high concern (SVHCs) included in the Candidate List by 2020. Further information <u>here</u>.

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# QSAR Toolbox

The QSAR Toolbox version 3.2 is now available for download. More information about the new features and the download link are available in the <u>ECHA news alerts</u>.





#### ECHA has updated the data on Candidate List substances in articles

ECHA has updated data on substances in articles. These informations on SVHC are based on non-confidential data on notification of substances in articles but also data of the registration dossiers. This update is based on the substances included in the Candidate List as of 19 December 2012.

More information on ECHA's e-news and data on substances are available here.

## RAC and SEAC agree on restrictions and authorisations

In December 2013, the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) adopted an opinion on the restriction proposal of lead in consumer articles submitted and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) agreed its draft opinion on the same proposal. RAC also agreed on two reference dose-response curves for the carcinogenicity of hexavalent chromium substances and for inorganic arsenic. In addition, both Committees agreed on draft opinions for the first application for authorisation. Further information in <u>ECHA's News alert</u>.

#### Restriction: Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation amended

Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation was amended by <u>Regulation (EU) No 1272/2013</u> of 6 December 2013. It introduces maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) contained in certain articles placing on the market for the public and which may come into contact with the skin or mouth. This includes baby products, household utensils or clothing.

#### **Evaluation**

ECHA announces draft plan for substance evaluation 2014-2016

ECHA has prepared a proposal to update the <u>Community Rolling Action Plan</u> (CoRAP) for 2014-2016. The draft update contains 125 substances that are proposed for review by 22 Member States under the substance evaluation process of REACH. It contains 56 newly selected substances and 69 substances that come from the <u>update</u> published on 20 March 2013 (CoRAP 2013-2015). ECHA's aim is to adopt and publish the final CoRAP update for 2014-2016 in March 2014.

#### Further information here.

First four conclusion documents on substance evaluation published on ECHA website

Substance evaluation started in 2012 and Member States evaluated 36 substances. The first four cases from this batch are now concluded. In these cases the designated evaluating Member State decided not to ask any further information on these substances and hence no draft decision was prepared. The evaluating Member State has instead finalised its assessment and drawn conclusions about the suspected risks. Conclusion documents published are related to the evaluation of ethylene oxide, tributyl phosphate, m-tolylidene diisocyanate and toluene.

The conclusion document summarises the evaluating Member State's view on the potential need for risk management. However, this conclusion alone is not starting any new regulatory process and is not binding to the Member States or the Commission.

## Further information <u>here</u>.

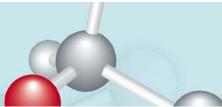
First Member State Committee (MSC) agreements on substance evaluation

The Member State Committee (MSC) agreed that ECHA should request further information on six substances because the currently available information is insufficient to enable an assessment on the risks that they pose to human health and/or the environment. These particular six substances listed in the Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) were evaluated by Germany, France, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Spain. Further information <u>here</u>.

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# New search functionalities for registered substances

It is possible now to search registered substances on ECHA's website by the nonconfidential use descriptors, e.g. product category, sector of use, process category and environmental release categories. In addition, it is possible to filter the registered substances by the date on which the data was published. Further information here.





## Updated and new guidances on ECHA's website

The guidance for downstream users has been updated to take into account and implement the experience and best practices developed and established since the original version. The Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets (SDSs) has also been updated and amended by including into an appendix information on extending the SDS. Further information in <u>ECHA's News alert</u>. Furthermore, ECHA has published a new fact sheet explaining the concept of toll manufacturers and the responsibilities that they may have under the REACH Regulation. Further information in <u>ECHA's News alert</u>.

For further information, please visit our website "What is REACH?"

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

## Opinions of Risk Assessment Committee (RAC)

Recently, the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) adopted 9 opinions for harmonised classification and labeling (CLH) of substances. Substances concerned are: sulfoxaflor, phenol, dodecyl-, branched (TPP), lead (metallic), tributyltin compounds, trisulfuron methyl, bifenazate, fenpyroximate and lenacil.

Based on the opinions adopted by RAC, the European commission prepares decision for introducing new harmonised entries in Annex VI to the CLP regulation.

More information in <u>ECHA's News alert</u>, including the use of these substances and the proposed classification.

## ECHA publishes updated "Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria"

ECHA has published an update to the "Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria" following the conclusion of a full consultation process. This update takes into account of the second Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) to the CLP Regulation which entered into force in April 2011. It also considers the fourth ATP which entered into force in June 2013. Further information <u>here</u>.

For further information, please visit our website "What is CLP?"

# AGENDA

National events

The program of 2014 events will be available soon.

Webinars

5 February 2014 : How to bring your registration dossier in compliance with REACH – Tips and hints (part 5). Further information <u>here</u>.

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CLP Q&A 5.0

The FAQ on CLP has been updated on the ECHA website. Five new questionsanswers have been added in this update (No. 0846 to 0850).