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# General things

## Save the date: REACH&CLP Coffee: "REACH Substance Evaluation: Process, Outcome and Impact on Companies"

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg invites you to its 7th REACH&CLP Coffee on Thursday, 22 May 2014, 14 h – 16 h at CRP Henri Tudor, Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg will first inform about the different steps in the substance evaluation process, including the possibilities for companies to participate in the process, and the immediate impact on companies of the different possible outcomes. Afterwards, there will be enough time to discuss questions with the REACH&CLP Helpdesk team and the other participants.

Further information and registration on the event-website.

## Luxembourgish Forum on Safety and Health at Work

The 2014 edition of the Forum took place on Thursday, 27 and Friday, 28 March 2014 at Luxexpo. This year, the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg was present with its own stand at this exhibition. Visitors learnt more about our activities but also tested their knowledge of CLP Regulation through a quiz on the products typically used in companies and at home. The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg also introduced the CLP Regulation and its impact in terms of communication on chemical risk, including labelling and Safety Data Sheets. The presentation (in French) is available here.

## Save the date: "Substitution of hazardous chemicals - regulation-driven innovation"

Thursday 26 June 2014 13:00 – 18:00
Chambre de Commerce at L- Kirchberg


Substitution of hazardous chemicals is a fundamental risk management measure. At the same time chemicals legislation is a major driver for innovation. The event will present relevant legislation, tools and practical tips for substitution, and company case studies for innovation. More information and registration on the event webpage.

Find all upcoming events in our "Agenda" section.

## ECHA Newsletter focuses on substitution and innovation

The April issue of the ECHA Newsletter is now online and focuses on the substitution of hazardous chemicals and innovation. ECHA has included case studies, interviews (among others with the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg) and guest columns that show how industry, authorities and organisations are working for safer chemicals and greener innovation.

## A new version of REACH-IT will go live mid-April: significant changes to all users

Especially on how they receive decisions and other communications from ECHA.
More information here.

## New features included in ECHA's dissemination database

The database of registered substances has been updated with information from 634 new dossiers. ECHA regularly updates its dissemination database with new information from new registration dossiers and this time also new features were published. The Agency now indicates whether a registration is active or not.

The word "Non-active" simply meaning that a registrant has indicated to ECHA that they have ceased manufacture or import of their registered substance. ECHA will also indicate the first publication date for each dossier as well as the date on which each dossier was last modified. Further information can be found in ECHA's News alert.

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## New on-going public consultations

CLP: proposals for harmonised classification and labelling

| Substances | Start date | Deadline | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Triflumizole | 18/03/2014 | 02/05/2014. | ⇒ More information |
| Diisobutyl phthalate | 25/03/2014 | 09/05/2014 | ⇒ More information |

REACH: proposals for restriction

| Substances | Start date | Deadline | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cadmium and its compounds in artists' paints | 19/03/2014 | 19/09/2014 | early comments are welcome by 29 May 2014 ⇒ More information |
| Asbestos fibres (chrysolite) | 19/03/2014 | 19/09/2014 | |

REACH: testing proposals in the framework of the registration procedure.

| | Start date | Deadline | | Start date | Deadline | | Start date | Deadline |
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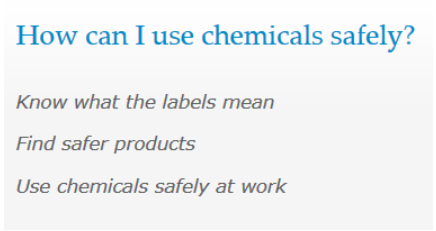
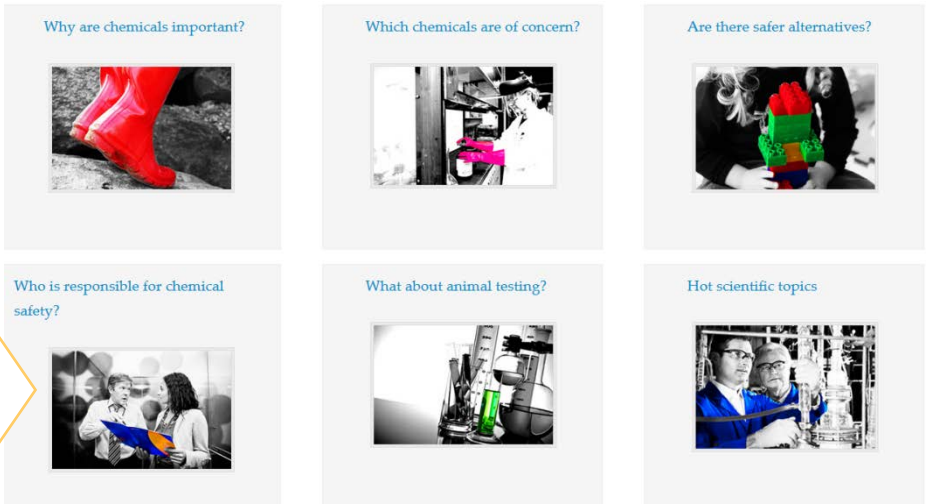
| 24 proposals | 21/03/2014 | 05/05/2014 | 30 proposals | 04/04/2014 | 19/05/2014 | 34 proposals | 15/04/2014 | 30/05/2014 |

## ECHA has revamped the web section "Chemicals in our life"

This web section explains how chemicals can be used safely in our daily life both at home and at work.




It also gives an overview of the vital importance of chemicals and meets a number of questions of consumers.

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

## Registration

- New web section and Dossier Quality Assistant now available

A new version of the Dossier Quality Assistant is now available to help registrants to find potential inconsistencies in their dossiers. The tool can be used to check substance datasets and dossiers in IUCLID before submitting a REACH registration to ECHA. The Dossier Quality Assistant has been updated with further checks on topics such as substance identification, use description and the link between composition and classification. More information in our website.

### The Test Method Regulation (EC) 440/2008 has been adapted to the technical progress

The Commission Regulation (EU) 260/2014 has been published in the Official Journal. More information in our website.

### ❖ Member registrants – is your substance identity affected by a compliance check?

ECHA started to send informative letters to the members of joint submissions in which the lead, or any other member, has received a draft compliance check decision concerning substance identity. The aim is to make all the members aware of the ongoing process, which may eventually have an impact on the identification of the substance agreed in the substance information exchange forum (SIEF). More information in our website.

### ❖ Nanomaterials: Assessing exposure and risk characterisation of nanomaterials – best practice for REACH registrants

ECHA has published generic recommendations for the exposure assessment and risk characterisation of nanomaterials under REACH. The best practice document is based on the outcome of the third and last GAARN (Group Assessing Already Registered Nanomaterials) meeting, which was held on 30 September 2013.

ECHA reminds the registrants that dossiers need to be updated with new nano-specific studies as scientific knowledge is progressing. You can find the document here.

### ❖ OECD QSAR Toolbox published

ECHA has published illustrative examples to promote the use of the OECD QSAR Toolbox for the 2018 deadline. Reminder, the toolbox is a software that offers the possibility for grouping of substances and filling of data gaps for hazard endpoints. The aim is to increase the repeatability of the operations and reproducibility of the results obtained with the OECD QSAR Toolbox. For further information you can visit the QSAR toolbox webpage.

## Evaluation

### ❖ Second CoRAP (Community Rolling Action Plan) update

The second annual update of the Community rolling action plan (CoRAP) for 2014-2016 is now available. It contains 120 substances of which 53 are newly allocated and 67 come from the first CoRAP update adopted in 2013. The Member States will evaluate those substances under the substance evaluation process of the REACH Regulation in 2014, 2015, and 2016. More information in our website.

## Authorisation

### ❖ Applications for authorisation for the phtalates DBP and DEHP

RAC and SEAC discussed sixteen uses of DEHP and DBP within seven applications for authorisation. RAC agreed on draft opinions for four uses and SEAC on draft opinions for two uses. RAC and SEAC will discuss the remaining uses of DEHP and DBP in June 2014. Further information can be found in ECHA's News alert.

### ❖ Reference dose response curves for trichloroethylene

RAC made progress with developing dose-response relationships for the carcinogenicity of trichloroethylene. Once agreed, RAC will use these non-legally binding risk estimates to evaluate applications for authorisation in a predictable and transparent manner. . Further information can be found in ECHA's News alert.

## Restriction

### ❖ Restriction proposal on lead in consumer articles

Following the submission by Sweden of a restriction proposal aimed at reducing children's exposure to lead from mouthing consumer articles, and the December 2013 RAC opinion which concluded that a risk for neurodevelopmental effects exists, SEAC adopted its final opinion on the proposal. SEAC confirmed its draft opinion that the proposed restriction is justified and proportionate, provided that the scope and/or conditions are modified to better define the articles which are covered by the proposal. Having considered the comments received during the public consultation on the draft opinion agreed in December 2013, SEAC did not change its overall opinion but has improved its clarity and consistency by introducing a number of additional modifications in the justification of the opinion. Further information can be found in ECHA's News alert.

### ❖ Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation amended

Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation was amended by Regulation (EU) No 301/2014 of 25 March 2014 and by Regulation (EU) No 317/2014 of 27 March 2014.

- The Regulation (EU) No 301/2014 amends entry 47 of Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation by introducing concentrations of chromium VI to respect for the placing on the market of leather articles which may come into contact with skin.
- The Regulation (EU) No 317/2014, meanwhile, takes into account the substances for which it was recently agreed to an harmonised classification as CMR (carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic). These restrictions concern more specifically substances which have been included in the fifth Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) of the CLP Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 944/2013 of 2 October 2013).

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

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

### RAC (Risk Assessment Committee) proposes to tighten the classification of bisphenol A

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) has adopted an opinion to strengthen the existing harmonised classification and labelling of bisphenol A (BPA) from a category 2 reproductive toxicant to a category 1B reproductive toxicant regarding the adverse effects on sexual function and fertility in line with a proposal from the French competent authority. Further information can be found in ECHA's press release.

### Opinions of RAC on harmonised classification and labelling

Based on the opinions adopted by RAC, the European Commission will prepare a decision to introduce the new harmonised entries into Annex VI to the CLP regulation. More information, including the use of these substances and the proposed classification, can be found in ECHA's News alert.

### GHS/CLP - brochure in German

The German Federal Environmental Agency (UBA) recently published a guide on the implementation of the CLP regulation as application of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). The guide is intended mainly for suppliers of substances and mixtures, but also for professional users of chemicals and consumers. The Guide, published in German, can be found here.

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

## AGENDA

*This section is regularly updated on our website, consult it here.*

National events

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| 22 May 2014 | REACH&CLP Coffee: "REACH Substance Evaluation: Process, Outcome and Impact on Companies" in English, CRP Henri Tudor, L-Kirchberg. Further information on the event-website. |
| 26 June 2014 | Betriber an Emwelt event: "Substitution of hazardous chemicals - regulation-driven innovation", in English, Chamber of Commerce, L-Kirchberg. Further information here. |
| 18-19 June 2014 | Business Meets Research 2014: "Manufacturing of the Future: Additive Manufacturing, Robotisation of small lot size production, Environmental sustainability of manufacturing", Luxexpo, 10 Circuit de la Foire Internationale. Further information here. |

International events

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| 28-29 April 2014 | Seminar on application for authorisation, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information here. |
| 29-30 April 2014 | Workshop "Sharing experience on applications for authorisation", ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information here. |
| 21 May 2014 | Ninth Stakeholder's day, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information here. |
| 23-24 October 2014 | Topical Scientific Workshop - Regulatory Challenges in Risk Assessment of Nanomaterials, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information here. |