

General things

Does your company use dangerous substances?

Do you plan to substitute some of your substances? Do you want to learn more about tools to anticipate regulatory constraints?

Substitution of hazardous chemicals is a fundamental measure to reduce risks to human health and the environment and policy instruments are a major driver for substitution and consequently impact innovativeness of industry.

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, in the framework of the Betriber&Emwelt cycle, organises a conference on this topic:

- Information on the major legislative drivers for substitution of hazardous chemicals
- Tools for anticipation of regulatory constraints and to support substitution
- Case studies: How to turn safety needs into innovation opportunity (chances and challenges).

More information on this topic: Website of the [Helpdesk Luxembourg](#), ECHA's website sections "[Chemicals in your life](#)" and "[Addressing Chemicals of Concern](#)", ECHA's Newsletter "[Substitution and Innovation](#)" (April 2014).

Upcoming event

Betriber & Umwelt
Entreprises & Environnement

CONFERENCE

SUBSTITUTION OF HAZARDOUS
CHEMICALS -
REGULATION-DRIVEN
INNOVATION



THURSDAY
26 JUNE 2014
13:00 - 18:00

Chambre de Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg
7, rue Alcide de Gasperi | L-1615 Luxembourg

Free admission after prior registration. More information [on the event webpage](#).

New and on-going public consultations

CLP: [Proposals for harmonised classification and labelling](#)

Substance	Start date	Deadline	
Pencycurin	25/04/2014	13/06/2014	⇒ More information
Benzovindiflupyr			

REACH: [Applications for authorization](#)

Substance	Start date	Deadline	
Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)	14/05/2014	09/07/2014	⇒ More information

REACH: [Testing proposals](#) in the framework of the registration procedure.

	Start date	Deadline		Start date	Deadline
19 proposals	29/04/2014	13/06/2014	45 proposals	16/05/2014	30/05/2014

New section "REACH&CLP 2014" on our website

Subsection "[Challenges 2014](#)" which gives an overview of the milestones linked to the obligations in the framework of REACH and CLP procedures and makes the link to the section "[Addressing Chemicals of Concern](#)" in the ECHA website that gives you access to ongoing public consultations.

Version 2.7 of REACH-IT is now ready to use and version 5.6 of IUCLID is launched

More information: [Helpdesk Luxembourg's website](#) et [ECHA's News alert](#).

Last publications

- Leaflet "Verification of SME status": The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Germany published a leaflet (in [German](#) and [English](#)) for SMEs to provide practical assistance in identifying and how to check their SME status. A [French translation](#) of this leaflet was subsequently made by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk France. [More information](#).
- Web section "[How to improve your dossier](#)", [dedicated pages on helpdesk services](#), and "[Guidance on downstream users](#)" (version 2.0), Dec. 2013, English version [here](#)) now available in 23 EU languages.
- Online presentations on REACH available in French on the Union of Chemical Industries (UIC) website. [More information](#).
- ECHA's leaflet "Chemical safety and your business": The leaflet, available in all official EU languages, uses simple language to introduce the key concepts of REACH and CLP and offers some links for further information. More information on [ECHA's SMEs webpage](#). English version [here](#).

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Enforcement: Forum launches authorisation pilot and presents preliminary results of the third enforcement project

In anticipation of the upcoming “sunset dates”, the Forum decided to engage in a pilot project on authorisation. The project will address substances with sunset dates that will soon elapse. The focus will be on gathering experience and building practice and processes for enforcing the authorization related obligations. The project will be set up in 2014 with inspections taking place in early 2015.

The Forum's third coordinated enforcement project (REF-3) is focused on checking the registration obligations of manufacturers, importers and only representatives in close cooperation with customs authorities. The project is organised in two phases. The first phase finished in 2013 and the second phase just started in February 2014. The final report of the first phase of REF-3 is expected to be published in mid-2014. Further information can be found in [ECHA's press release](#).

Registration

❖ Substance identity – letters sent to companies with shortcomings in their registrations

ECHA recommends that companies take advantage of the support available, including the Dossier Quality Assistant tool, the technical annex to the letter, and consult the recently launched web section on “How to improve your dossier”. A [webinar had been held on 30 April 2014](#) to explain the common shortcomings in detail and how to satisfactorily address these. [More information](#).

❖ Chemical safety report/Exposure scenario roadmap activities outlined for 2014-15

This second implementation plan for the CSR/ES roadmap sets out the priority actions for 2014-2015, the activities foreseen and lead organisations to achieve the Roadmap's objectives. The main activities include improving the quality of information at the top of the supply chain and support to formulators who have immediate obligations under REACH.

The aim is to improve the information on the safe use of chemicals both in the registrants' REACH chemical safety report and in the extended safety data sheet communicated in the supply chain. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#). You can consult the CSR/ES roadmap [here](#).

Evaluation

❖ First substance evaluation decisions published

These decisions regarding 14 substances were taken by ECHA based on evaluations carried out by Member States. Registrants are requested to submit further information on hazards and/or exposure. Further information, including the list of substances, can be found in [ECHA's News alert](#).

❖ Registrants should get ready to comment substance evaluation draft decisions

ECHA has now received draft decisions on 37 substances, and the registrants should get ready to give their consolidated comments on the draft decisions addressed to them. ECHA planned to send out the draft decisions to the relevant registrants between 28 April and 2 May 2014. As foreseen by REACH, registrants of these substances will have 30 days to consider and submit their joint or individual comments. A notification letter will contain the deadline by when the comments must be submitted. Further information can be found in [ECHA's News alert](#).

❖ REACH&CLP Coffee: “REACH Substance Evaluation: Process, Outcome and Impact on Companies” – presentation available

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg organised its 7th REACH&CLP Coffee on Thursday, 22 May 2014. The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg first introduced 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 participants could discuss questions with the REACH&CLP Helpdesk team and the other participants. The presentation (in English) is available [here](#).

More information on the evaluation procedure may be found in our [Thematic Newsletter on evaluation \(April 2013\)](#).



Authorisation

❖ ECHA's scientific committees give green-light on a specific use of dibutyl phthalate (DBP)

ECHA's scientific committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) have adopted opinions on an application for authorisation from Sasol-Huntsman GmbH & Co. This application concerned the use of dibutyl phthalate (DBP) as an absorption solvent in a closed system in the manufacture of maleic anhydride. Further information on this adopted opinion are available [here](#).

❖ A new ECHA/EASA report highlights the key aspects of the authorisation process for the aviation industry

A report has been published to clarify the issues of the interplay between the strict airworthiness requirements and the REACH authorisation process. The publication of this report is the result of a collaboration work between the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the relevant stakeholders of the aviation sector. Further information can be found in [ECHA's News alert](#).

Restriction

❖ New restriction added to Annex XVII REACH

Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation was amended by [Regulation \(EU\) No 474/2014](#) of 8 May 2014. This new regulation adds a new entry in Annex XVII that introduces a maximum concentration ($\geq 1\%$) of 1,4-dichlorobenzene in air fresheners and toilet blocks.

For further information, please visit our website ["What is REACH?"](#)

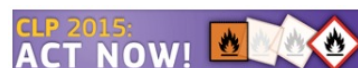
CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures)

ECHA will soon launch a new campaign "CLP 2015: ACT now!"

With the deadline of 1 June 2015 approaching, ECHA prepares a communication campaign to complement the [CLP Quiz](#) and [brochures](#) already available.

You can already find awareness raising documentation, available in several languages on the website of the European Commission in the ["Health and Safety"](#) section.

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AGENDA

This section is regularly updated on our website, consult it [here](#).

National events

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. The event takes place together with the Greater Region Business day. Further information [here](#).

26 June 2014 Btriber&Emwelt event: "Substitution of hazardous chemicals - regulation-driven innovation", in English, Chamber of Commerce, L-Kirchberg. Further information [here](#).

International events

23-24 October 2014 Topical Scientific Workshop - Regulatory Challenges in Risk Assessment of Nanomaterials, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).