

General things

Feedback on Conference “Substitution of hazardous chemicals - regulation-driven innovation”



The impact of European chemicals legislation on Luxembourgish companies: On 26 June 2014, about 60 participants took part in the information session “Substitution of hazardous chemicals – Regulation-driven innovation” that was organised by the Helpdesk REACH&CLP Luxembourg, a national service provided by CRP Henri Tudor. This session is part of the « Betriber & Umwelt » event serie offering events related to environmental regulation.

The conference started with the opening speech of Luxembourg Environment Minister Carole Dieschbourg and raised the awareness of participants on the following aspects of chemical substitution:

- **The substitution principle and how it is considered in European chemicals legislation**, the **regulatory cascade** of assessment and restriction, as well as the **anticipation** of constraints that they entail to companies. Thus, the relevance of the different European legislation such as REACH&CLP, occupational health, biocides, RoHS, in the increasing pressure to substitute certain chemicals was presented and illustrated with examples such as lead or the case of formaldehyde, which is widely used in the chemical industry.
- **Tools and practical support** existing to help companies in anticipating constraints and in finding alternative solutions have been presented, such as [SUBSPORT](#), a Webportal gathering and providing information aiming at supporting companies in their efforts to substitute hazardous chemicals.

Finally, the companies TextilCord Steinfort, Goodyear Dunlop Tires Europe ad ArcelorMittal presented their **efforts and projects related to innovation** launched in the framework of the evolution of regulatory constraint in their sector of activity.

The **presentations of the conference** are available for download on the [Event-Website](#). For further upcoming events of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg please see the [Event Agenda](#) of our website www.reach.lu.



New and on-going public consultations

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

| Substance | Start date | Deadline | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Chlorsulfuron | 20/05/2014 | 04/07/2014 | ⇒ More information |
| Pirimicarb | 04/06/2014 | 21/07/2014 | ⇒ More information |
| Linalool | 24/06/2014 | 08/08/2014 | ⇒ More information |

REACH: [Restriction proposals](#)

| Substance | Start date | Deadline | |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Ammonium salts | 18/06/2014 | 18/12/2014 | ⇒ More information |
| Bisphenol A | | | |
| Nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylates | 18/06/2014 | 18/08/2014 | |

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

| | Start date | Deadline | | Start date | Deadline | | Start date | Deadline |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 43 proposals | 02/06/2014 | 17/07/2014 | 7 proposals | 05/06/2014 | 21/07/2014 | 18 proposals | 17/06/2014 | 01/08/2014 |

Chesar 2.3 supports SCED-based consumer assessment

ECHA's Chemical Safety Assessment and Reporting tool ([Chesar](#)) has been updated to include consumer exposure estimations based on Specific Consumer Exposure Determinants (SCEDs).

[Further information](#)



Public consultation concerning nanomaterials on the market

The European Commission has launched a public consultation to obtain stakeholders' views on the information currently available on nanomaterials on the EU market, and the impact of the possible policy options being considered in order bring more transparency and regulatory oversight on nanomaterials.

The results of the consultation will feed into a final impact assessment, which should be completed by the end of the year. The consultation closes on 5 August 2014.

Further information on this public consultation on the [European Commission's website](#).

Last publications

- **ESCom Phrase Catalogue:** The European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) has published the ESCom Phrase Catalogue which provides standard phrases to be used in communicating the safe use of chemicals in exposure scenarios. [More information](#).
- **OECD guidance:** The OECD has published a [guidance for characterising oleochemical substances](#). The guidance is considered complementary to the ECHA Guidance for identification and naming of substances under REACH and CLP. [More information](#).
- **Documents of Directors Contact Group (DCG):** At its second meeting, the DCG adopted two documents best practices: [Checklist to hire a good consultant](#) and "[Considerations to be made when joining an existing SIEF](#)". [More information](#).
- **Practical guide on intermediates:** ECHA has published a new practical guide (in English) on "[How to assess whether a substance is used as an intermediate under strictly controlled conditions and how to report the information for intermediate registration in IUCLID](#)". [Further information](#).

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

Candidate List updated

At 16 June 2014, four substances are added to the [Candidate List](#) for authorization (Cadmium chloride; 1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear; Sodium peroxometaborate; Sodium perborate, perboric acid, sodium salt). The Candidate List now contains 155 substances.

As a reminder, the use of these "substances of very high concern" (SVHC) is not forbidden. 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. 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 four substances is 16 December 2014.

More information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

Consultation on the draft sixth Annex XIV recommendation will start on 1 September 2014

Regularly, ECHA has an obligation to recommend substances from the [Candidate List](#) to the [Authorisation List](#) (Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation). Currently ECHA is working on the sixth Annex XIV recommendation. The public consultation on the draft sixth Annex XIV recommendation will commence on the 1 of September and continue until the 30 November 2014. The start of the public consultation is postponed from June to September to allow interested parties more time to prepare their input. The sixth Annex XIV recommendation is foreseen to be submitted to the European Commission in summer 2015. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#).

New partners service for authorisation applicants

As part of the application of authorization process, ECHA has launched a partners service for authorization applicants. Its use is limited to the substances on the Authorisation List (Annex XIV of REACH) and the substances which are recommended for inclusion in the Authorisation List. [Further information](#).



Letter templates for safety data sheets and SVHC in articles

Companies often need to request from their suppliers a REACH compliant safety datasheet for substances and mixtures or information about substances of very high concern (SVHC) in the articles they receive.

The Helpdesk now provides letter templates to facilitate this work:

- [Letter templates to request safety datasheets](#)
- [Letter templates to request information about SVHC in articles](#)

The templates are available in French, German and English. They represent a collection of text blocks that can be adapted to the concrete company needs.

Substituting fuels/oils for decorative lamps and grill lighter fluids

ECHA asks in a [Call for evidence](#) to identify until 30 August 2014 the opportunities in substituting fuels/oils for decorative lamps and grill lighter fluids labelled R65 or H304 (see also the already existing restrictions in Annex XVII REACH, entry 3).

A call for evidence provides an opportunity for interested parties to signal their interest and express their views and concerns in the preparatory phase of the restriction proposal. The information gathered will provide an input into ECHA's development of an Annex XV restriction dossier.

RAC and SEAC agree on new opinions on restriction and authorisation

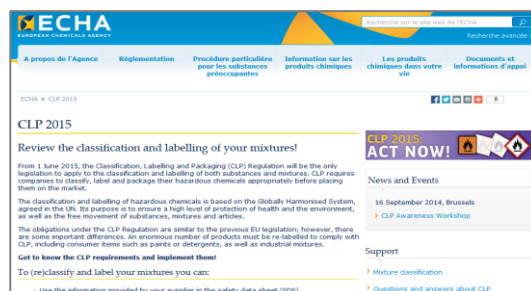
The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) adopted opinions on two restriction proposals: the first on nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylates, and the second on 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, whereas the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) has found an agreement on the restriction proposal on nonylphenol. The Committees have also both agreed on draft opinions for applications for authorisation. [More information.](#)

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

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

CLP 2015: Act now!

ECHA has launched [new web pages](#) promoting the CLP 2015 deadline for mixtures. The pages contain useful information on the CLP requirements, a support section as well as related links, news and events. You can reach the pages also by clicking on the official banner of the campaign on our Helpdesk website.



Sixth Adaptation to Technical Progress published

[Regulation \(EU\) No 605/2014](#) of the Commission of 5 June 2014 amending CLP regulation for the purpose of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress (ATP) has been published in the Official Journal (L 167, 6 June 2014).

This new ATP modifies the linguistic tables for the hazard statements referred to in Annex III to CLP and linguistic tables for precautionary statements referred to in Annex IV of the same regulation in order to add elements in Croatian language. These changes are due to the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1st January 2013.

The ATP also updates Annex VI of the CLP Regulation (hazardous substances subject to harmonised classification and labelling). Operators have until 1st April 2015, to adapt the labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures to these new classifications, and sell stocks. They also have until that date to comply with registration requirements under REACH arising from new harmonised classifications of substances as CMR or very toxic to aquatic organisms.



Opinions of Risk Assessment Committee (RAC)

Recently, the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) adopted seven opinions for harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) of substances (Bupirimate (ISO), NMP, Propylene oxide, Glutaraldehyde, Tinuvin 123, Flumioxazin, PDC).

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](#).

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

AGENDA

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

National events

- 25 September 2014 REACH&CLP Conference: Obligations for users of chemical products, in French, CRP Henri Tudor, L-Kirchberg. More information will be available soon.
- 2 October 2014 REACH Excel Tool training, in German, CRP Henri Tudor, L-Kirchberg. More information will be available soon.
- 16 October 2014 Betriber&Emwelt Conference: Transposition of the Directive 2010/75/EU relating to industrial emissions "IED": impact at the national level, in French, Chamber of Commerce, L-Kirchberg. More information will be available soon.
- 11 December 2014 Annual Conference and Networking Lunch: Implementation of REACH&CLP regulations and futures challenges, in French and English, Chamber of Commerce, L-Kirchberg. More information will be available soon.

International events

- 16 September 2014 CLP Awareness Workshop, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. Further information [here](#).
- 17 September 2014 Good Practice on Safety Data Sheet, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Dresden, Germany. Further Information [here](#).
- 29 September 2014 Classification of mixtures according to CLP, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Dortmund, Germany. Further Information [here](#).
- 23-24 October 2014 Topical Scientific Workshop - Regulatory Challenges in Risk Assessment of Nanomaterials, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).