

# News letter

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Dear reader,

The year 2014 has been a sign of many challenges, in the context of REACH (submission of new applications for authorisation of substances listed in Annex XIV of REACH and feedbacks on the new evaluation of substances listed in the Community rolling action (CoRAP) and registration dossiers, evaluation processes in which companies have now the opportunities to participate...), but also in the context of CLP (continuation of classification and labelling of substances in accordance with CLP, establishment of preparations for the classification and labelling of mixtures, new harmonized classifications and labelling...).

To continue to best support you, besides publishing a number of documents, the Helpdesk organized four events (conferences, REACH&CLP Coffee), which again, in 2014, were a great success. You will find our publications and presentations in the section "[Documentation](#)" of our website.

In the New Year, we will continue with the same dynamic to further improve information exchange and communication with you and for you. The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg is designed to help Luxembourg companies to identify their obligations under the REACH and CLP Regulations and to get prepare to comply with them. Do not hesitate to let us know your needs!

In 2015, the most important date is that of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the date from which CLP will also be mandatory to mixtures. First, this requires that formulators reclassify and re-label their products. They have to take into account also the second adaptation to technical and scientific progress (ATP) of CLP that enters into force for mixtures from the same date. As most products on the market are mixtures and not substances and are therefore still labelled according to the old system, downstream users and consumers should become familiar with the new label elements.

Besides CLP, the communication along the supply chain via the (extended) safety data sheet to ensure the safe use of chemicals remains a challenge for downstream users. In 2015, more work will be done to simplify, notably, the exposure scenarios.

Under REACH, in the second semester, companies should begin their preparation for the final REACH registration deadline in 2018 which concerns the phase-in substances with a tonnage between 1 and 100 t/a. Many companies will then have to register for the first time and many of them are SMEs.

The number of applications for authorisation is expected to substantially increase. Twelves substances have their sunset date in 2015 and the concerned companies must submit an application for authorisation prior to these deadlines, if they want to continue to use these substances after the sunset date. In addition, the obligations related to the inclusion of SVHC in the Candidate List will continue to be a major topic since the list grows steadily and the number of substances will continue to increase significantly in the coming year.

In the process of evaluation of registration dossiers and as well as in the substance evaluation with its Community rolling action plan (CoRAP), the procedure will continue in 2015, companies continue to be confronted with requests to provide new data and update their dossiers when ECHA will evaluate their registration dossiers. In both processes, companies have the opportunities to participate in the evaluation process.

New restrictions enter into force during 2015, including nine new substances classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR) which will be added to group entry for CMRs in Annex XVII REACH.

Our action plan includes priorities related to these challenges to allow us to continue our mission as effectively as possible. Our program of upcoming events will be soon available in the section "[Agenda](#)" of our website.

Our best  
wishes for  
a pleasant  
and  
successful  
year 2015!

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## General things

### New and on-going public consultations

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

| Substances  | Start date | Deadline   |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cyproconazol  | 13/01/2015 | 09/02/2015 |
| Reaction products of paraformaldehyde with 2-hydroxypropylamine (ratio 1:1) | 20/01/2015 | 06/03/2015 |

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

|              | Start date | Deadline   |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| 11 proposals | 23/01/2015 | 09/03/2015 |

### Registry of Intentions: New entries

Recently, news entries have been added for [restriction proposals](#):

- Methanol, intention prepared by Poland;
- N,N-dimethylformamide, dimethyl formamide, intention prepared by Italy.

You can consult the "[Registry of intentions](#)" section in order to anticipate a potential impact on your business and for a timely preparation of comments to be submitted later in the process, if interested. Please also remember to consult the [public consultations](#) that are regularly updated.

### Last publications

- **REACH 2018 registration guide for SMEs (Part A):** The German Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BaUA) has published the first part of a new [guidance document on registration under REACH](#). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Guidance to support R&D and innovation:** to support innovation, especially by SMEs, ECHA has published an update to its Guidance on Scientific Research and Development (SR&D) and Product and Process Orientated Research and Development (PPORD). Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).
- **Leaflet "Control the chemical risks in your business" updated:** the French Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecology (MEDDE) has published an updated version of the leaflet (in French): "[Control the chemical risks in your business](#)".
- **Documents of ENES 7:** since December 2014, the presentations and meeting documents of [ENES 7](#) are available. Reminder, the seventh meeting of the Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios (ENES) took place on 18-19 November in Brussels. Further information can be found [here](#).

### New section "REACH&CLP 2015" on our website

The "REACH&CLP 2014" section of our website has been replaced and is now updated to "[REACH & CLP 2015](#)". It gives an overview of the challenges 2015 linked to the obligations in the framework of REACH and CLP procedures. A direct link to the section "[Addressing Chemicals of Concern](#)" on ECHA's website has been added that gives you access to ongoing public consultations.

### The Public Activities Coordination Tool (PACT) updated

The tool for advance notice on substances being considered for risk management (PACT) has been updated with nine new intentions for RMOA development. Reminder: The [Public Activities Coordination Tool \(PACT\)](#) lists the substances for which a Risk Management Option Analysis (RMOA) is either under development or has been completed since the implementation of the SVHC Roadmap started in February 2013. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#).

Save the date: Conference  
"classification and labelling of  
mixtures - communication for safe  
use of chemicals"

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg invites you **Tuesday 31 March 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** to his conference (in French) on "CLP 2015: classification and labelling of mixtures - communication for safe use of chemicals"

The conference will review the major changes related to the CLP Regulation, impacts on downstream legislation (commodo/incommodo, worker protection...) and in terms of communication for a safe use of chemicals.

This informative event is also intended as a space of exchange for professionals through testimonials from businesses providing pragmatic view

More information available soon.

QSAR Toolbox 3.3 now  
available

The QSAR Toolbox version 3.3 is available for download since December 2014.

Further information can be found [here](#).



## ECHA is prioritising CMR substances for risk management

ECHA, together with Member State competent authorities is now prioritising CMR substances for appropriate risk management actions. This decision comes after ECHA's new CMR report showed that companies are adhering well to the harmonised classification of substances which have carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic properties (CMRs). The report also identifies over a thousand CMR substances that potentially merit further regulatory action such as harmonised classification and, where relevant, identification as Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC). Further information can be found in [ECHA's press release](#).

### New and improved search for chemicals

The [search for chemicals](#) on ECHA's website provides new features which make it easier to search for information about substances. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Environmental ministers put emphasis on key issues in chemicals policy

Environmental ministers from Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Sweden, supported among others by Luxembourg, have urged the European Commission to act on a number of issues in chemicals policy. The [information note](#) presented at the last [Environmental Council meeting](#) in December especially identifies minimising or substituting the use of substances of very high concern (SVHC), endocrine disruptors, nanomaterials, substances in articles and imported products and improving the quality of REACH registrations as key issues in chemicals policy which need to be addressed to achieve the long-term goal of a non-toxic environment.

Luxembourg also supported an [information note](#) from the Belgian, Dutch, Austrian and Swedish delegations on the Elimination of micro-plastics in products.

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

### Registration – REACH 2018 Roadmap published

ECHA has published its [REACH 2018 Roadmap](#), which outlines the Agency's milestones planned in the run up towards the final REACH registration deadline. The last registration deadline for existing chemicals will be on 31 May 2018 and ECHA is expecting a significantly larger amount of small and medium-sized enterprises to register for the first time. To support all, ECHA has prepared a detailed plan called the REACH 2018 Roadmap which describes the different milestones and support services that ECHA plans to give to the registrants from now until the deadline. Further information can be found [here](#).

### Authorisation – Phthalate DEHP identified as SVHC

The Member State Committee (MSC) unanimously agreed to identify the phthalate DEHP as an SVHC because of its endocrine disrupting properties in the environment. However, the Committee did not reach unanimous agreement on the human health related parts of Denmark's proposals for the four phthalates. For the first time, an MSC opinion with majority and minority views on the SVHC proposals will now be sent to the European Commission for final decision. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

### Preconfigured IUCLID 5 available for applications for authorisation

ECHA has released a preconfigured IUCLID 5 for Applications for authorisation to support industry, in particular small and medium-sized companies (SMEs), in creating applications for authorisation. This new way of providing IUCLID 5 aims to help companies that do not yet have IUCLID 5 installed.

Further information can be found in [ECHA's news item](#).

### Evaluation

#### ❖ Two substance evaluation cases concluded without draft decisions

Two evaluation cases from 2013 are now published. In both of these cases, the evaluating Member State decided not to ask for any further information on the substances and hence no draft decision was prepared. The conclusion documents and the evaluation reports are published on ECHA's website. Further information can be found [here](#).

#### ❖ ECHA tightens its practice on dossier updates

ECHA has started to implement its new compliance check strategy and wants to tighten and clarify deadlines for dossier updates to reduce processing times once dossier evaluation has been started. The goal is to increase efficiency and transparency in dossier evaluation and focus on those substances that matter the most for human health and the environment. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).



## RAC and SEAC agree on restriction proposals and evaluate applications for authorisation

In December 2014, the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) adopted opinions on two restriction proposals: chrysotile and cadmium and its compounds in artist paints. The Committee for Socio-economic analysis (SEAC) agreed on draft opinions on the same proposals. SEAC also adopted their final opinion on restriction proposals on cadmium and its compounds in paints and on 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP). Furthermore, Committees evaluated 19 applications for authorisation, agreeing on 43 draft opinions for individual uses. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

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 23 opinions for harmonised classification and labeling (CLH) of substances. 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. Further information can be found [here](#).

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## AGENDA

The program of 2015 events will be available soon.

### National events

- 3 February 2015 Training: Safe use of pesticides: new labels and Safety Data Sheets, in German, MBR Lëtzebuerg, Colmar-Berg
- 12 February 2015 Training: Safe use of pesticides: new labels and Safety Data Sheets, in German, MBR Lëtzebuerg, Colmar-Berg
- 31 March 2015 Conference "CLP 2015: Classification and labelling of mixtures - communication for safe use of chemicals", in French, Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), L-Kirchberg. Further information available soon.

### International events

- 10-11 February 2015 Conference "Lessons learnt on Applications for Authorisation", ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).
- 11- 12 March 2015 Workshop "Chemical Watch Global Supply Chain Workshop", Brussels, Belgium. Further information can be found [here](#).
- 7 May 2015 Tenth Stakeholders' Day, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).