

## General things

### Feedback on the conference “CLP 2015: classification and labelling of mixtures – Communication for safe use of chemicals”

Around 80 people participated in the conference "CLP 2015: classification and labelling of mixtures – Communication for safe use of chemicals" conference, organised on March 31st, 2015 by the REACH & CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, a service of the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), with support from the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Economy. The event aimed to educate participants on the deadline - on June 1st, 2015 - of the European regulation on the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) of chemical substances and mixtures.

A day devoted to the sharing of experience and recommendations, this event brought together specialists from the chemical sector, whose presentations highlighted the major developments in recent years in requirements related to Safety Data Sheets, classification, and labelling of hazardous chemical products and the associated challenges.

Laurène Chochois and Virginie Piaton, from the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, reiterated the key points and the essential obligations for users of chemical products. They also took stock of the latest developments and available tools, as well as frequently asked questions related to preparing for June 1st, 2015. They were followed by Gaëlle Duffort from the French National Institute of the Industrial Environment and Risks (INERIS) whose presentation aimed to help industrial companies better assess the possible changes of classification for their chemical substances and mixtures, and the corresponding labelling and Safety Data Sheets updates.

The focus then switched to the management of Safety Data Sheets with the aim of communicating on the safe use of chemicals. Examples of good practice for transmitting information were presented, as well as the impacts of CLP on the Safety Data Sheets. In this context, Laurène Chochois laid down the regulatory requirements related to Exposure scenarios annexed to the Safety Data Sheets. Finally, Catherine Heinrichs from the company Peinture Robin presented a practical example showing the impacts linked with the choice of new labels, the stock management and new tools to be implemented. This illustration outlined the transition management towards the new classification and labelling system.

More information on this conference available is [here](#). The presentations can be downloaded on our website in the section “[Workshops and conferences](#)” as well as on the [event website](#).



## New and on-going public consultations

REACH: [Call for comments and evidence](#)

Substances	Start date	Deadline	
Polyfluorinated silanes (PFAs)	01/04/2015	28/05/2015	⇒ <a href="#">Further information</a>
Lead and its compounds		11/06/2015	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	24/04/2015	24/06/2015	
Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)			
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)			
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)			

REACH: [Restriction proposals](#)

Substances	Début	Echéance	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	17/12/2014	17/06/2015	

### Updated version 3.1 „REACH Excel Tool“ – French language now available

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg has updated its REACH Excel Tool, which now includes databases and a guide to check the regulatory status of chemicals.

The updated version 3.1 of the tool in German language is available since end 2014; the French version is now available for free download.

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

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Ammonium salts	18/03/2015	18/05/2015	⇒ <a href="#">Further information</a>
Methanol		18/09/2015	

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

	<b>Début</b>	<b>Echéance</b>
28 proposals	17/04/2015	04/06/2015
1 proposal	20/04/2015	08/06/2015
1 proposal	24/04/2015	12/06/2015

### Substances selected for hazard assessment now included in PACT

The Public Activities Coordination Tool ([PACT](#)) table has been extended to include substances selected by authorities for hazard assessment.

The PACT table previously included only substances for which a risk management option analysis (RMOA) was completed or was under development. The website text has also been updated to provide further information on the PACT table, and a glossary explaining technical details of this table.

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

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

<b>Substances</b>	<b>Début</b>	<b>Echéance</b>
Cadmium carbonate	27/03/2015	11/05/2015
Cadmium hydroxide		
Cadmium nitrate		
Clethodim	09/04/2015	26/05/2015
Nicotine	21/04/2015	05/06/2015

## Last publications

- **Web pages for REACH-IT support:** ECHA has published improved web pages for REACH-IT support. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Substances of potential concern web pages:** the ECHA web section concerning [substances of potential concern](#) has been revamped to include more information on the various processes involved. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **OECD test guidelines related to skin sensitisation:** ECHA has published advice on using new OECD test guidelines related to skin sensitisation. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Plenary meetings of Risk Assessment and Socio-Economic Committees

During their recent plenary sessions, SEAC and RAC agreed, in particular, on several draft opinions on applications for authorisation and restriction proposals.

- During its plenary meeting, the RAC examined 12 applications for authorisation on 17 uses of trichloroethylene and agreed on 11 draft opinions and also adopted one restriction proposal on ammonium salts in cellulose insulation materials. During the CLH session, RAC adopted six opinions for harmonised classification and labelling. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).
- During its plenary meeting, the SEAC adopted two final opinions – on restriction proposals on cadmium and its compounds in artists' paints and on chrysotile - and agreed on its draft opinion on the restriction proposal on ammonium salts in cellulose insulation materials. Furthermore, the SEAC also examined 12 applications for authorisation on 17 uses of trichloroethylene and consequently agreed on 16 draft opinions on the applications for authorisation. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

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

### ECHA video: "Who is a downstream user under REACH and CLP?"

ECHA has produced a [short video](#) to simply describe the [roles and different types of downstream users](#). The aim of the video is to reach people who do not necessarily know their role or where to find further information. ECHA is interested in hearing your views about the video and invite you to share them through a short questionnaire. The link to the questionnaire is available at the end of the video.



## Evaluation

### ❖ Substance evaluation: Third CoRAP update

The third annual update of the [Community rolling action plan](#) (CoRAP) for 2015-2017 is available since end of March. It contains 134 substances of which 66 are newly allocated and 68 come from [the second CoRAP update](#) adopted in 2014. The Member States will evaluate those substances under the substance evaluation process of the REACH Regulation in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Further information can be found [here](#).

### ❖ Registrants should get ready to comment on substance evaluation draft decisions

ECHA will soon send draft requests for further information for substances evaluated under the Community rolling action plan in 2014 to registrants for comments. ECHA plans to send out the draft decisions to the relevant registrants beginning of May 2015. Registrants of these substances will have 30 days to consider and submit their comments. A notification letter will specify the deadline for commenting. Further information can be found [here](#).

### No new restriction proposal on cadmium in plastics

ECHA has published its assessment of the use of cadmium and its compounds in plastic materials not covered by Entry 23 of the REACH Restriction List (Annex XVII). The report analyses the use of cadmium in plastics and gives the reasons for not proposing a restriction at this stage.

## Authorisation – Forum starts a pilot project on authorised substances

At its twentieth plenary meeting on 24-26 March 2015, the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement decided on a second pilot project on the use of substances subject to authorisation. It will focus on substances with a sunset date before 2016. In addition to enforcing that substances subject to authorisation are not on the market without an authorisation, the inspectors will also check whether the authorisation holders comply with the conditions of the granted authorisation. The inspections will target manufacturers, importers, other suppliers and downstream users of substances subject to authorisation. This includes authorisation holders and their downstream users. The results are expected at the end of 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news item](#).

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

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

### Transitional period for 6<sup>th</sup> ATP of CLP prolonged

The new [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2015/491](#) prolongs the transitional period for the application of the 6<sup>th</sup> adaptations of the CLP Regulation to technical and scientific progress (6<sup>th</sup> ATP). The 6<sup>th</sup> ATP ([Commission Regulation \(EU\) 605/2014](#), adopted on 5 June 2014) provided for the application of new or updated provisions for harmonised classification and labelling of a number of substances as from 1 April 2015. Due to some delays in the adoption process of that Regulation, the transitional period until the application of Regulation (EU) No 605/2014 would have been significantly shorter than those applied for previous adaptations to technical and scientific progress. Therefore, the application date is postponed to 1 January 2016.

### Pilot project to encourage notifiers to agree on the classification and labelling of substances

In collaboration with the European Commission, Cefic, Eurometaux and FECC, ECHA launched a pilot project to encourage notifiers to agree on the classification and labelling of substances. The notifiers of approximately 100 substances were contacted and asked to compare the notifications they have made with the harmonised classification or with the notifications provided by other notifiers, as published in the C&L Inventory. If there is a disagreement on the self-classification, the parties are invited to use ECHA's web-based discussion forum, the C&L Platform, where notifiers and registrants of the same substance can come into contact and agree on a self-classification and labelling of their substance. Further information can be found [here](#).

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## AGENDA

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

### National events

- 9 June 2015 Lunch meeting "Chemikalien: Einführung zu den neuen Gefahrenpiktogrammen", 12:00-14:00, in German, Chamber of Crafts, L-Kirchberg. Further information available soon.
- 30 June 2015 Lunch meeting "Produits chimiques : tour d'horizon des nouveaux pictogrammes de danger", 12:00-14:00, in French, Chamber of Crafts, L-Kirchberg. Further information available soon.

The second Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m., the Helpdesk offers Luxembourgish companies its Q&A session to discuss face to face and one to one with the Helpdesk team about every REACH&CLP related concern or question they may have. Up-coming dates are: **12 May, 9 June, 14 July**. Please register via our [contact form](#).

### International events

- 27 May 2015 Tenth Stakeholders' Day, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).
- 28-29 May 2015 Helsinki Chemicals Forum, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).
- 29-30 June 2015 Seminar on Applications for Authorisation, ECHA, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).
- 7-8 October 2015 Topical Scientific Workshop on Soil Risk Assessment, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).

### Webinars

- 24 June 2015 REACH 2018 webinar: Know your portfolio and start preparing now. Further information [here](#).