

## General things

### Conference “REACH and Beyond - Challenges and Options for Improvements”

The conference, organised by Luxembourg and seven other EU Member States and Norway, aims to refocus Europe’s attention on the safe use of chemicals and at the same time ensure transparency, innovation and competitiveness for the European Chemical sector and in particular SMEs. The event will bring together high level representatives from the EU Member States, the European Parliament and the European Commission, as well as industry associations and consumer protection and environmental organisations.

The conference will take place on 20 October 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. It is a joint initiative under the Luxembourgish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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

### New and on-going public consultations

REACH: [Identification of substances of very high concern](#)

Substances	Start date	Deadline
1,3-propanesultone (CAS 1120-71-4)	31/08/2015	15/10/2015
2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-(5-chlorobenzotriazol-2-yl)phenol (UV-327) (CAS 3864-99-1)		
2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4-(tert-butyl)-6-(sec-butyl) Phenol (UV-350) (CAS 36437-37-3)		
Dicyclohexyl phthalate (CAS 84-61-7)		
Hexamethylene diacrylate (hexane-1,6-diol-diacrylate) (CAS 13048-33-4)		
Nitrobenzene (CAS 98-95-3)		
Perfluorononan-1-oic acid (2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,9-heptafluorooctadecanoic acid and its sodium and ammonium salts (CAS 375-95-1 / 21049-39-8 / 4149-60-4)		

REACH: [Applications for authorisation](#)

Substances	Start date	Deadline	
1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC) (CAS 107-06-27)	12/08/2015	07/10/2015	=> <a href="#">Further information</a>
Sodium chromate (CAS 7775-11-3)			
Sodium dichromate sodium (CAS 7789-12-0 / 10588-01-9)			
Chromium trioxide (CAS 1333-82-0)			

REACH: [Restriction proposals](#) (SEAC draft opinion)

Substances	Start date	Deadline
Bisphenol A, 4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol (CAS 80-05-7)	16/09/2015	16/11/2015
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), including its salts, and any other substance having linear or branched perfluoroheptyl derivatives with the formula C7F15 and any other substance having linear or branched perfluorooctyl derivatives with the formula C8F17		

#### How to get started with EU chemicals legislation?

ECHA has published new [support pages](#) and an [introductory guide](#) helping companies which are not yet familiar with the European chemicals legislation to understand their obligations. The web pages provide easy step-by-step information for manufacturers, importers, distributors and users of chemicals as well as only representatives. The guide is especially useful for small and medium-sized enterprises and gives an overview of the EU chemicals legislation and how to get started in understanding it and complying with it.

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

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

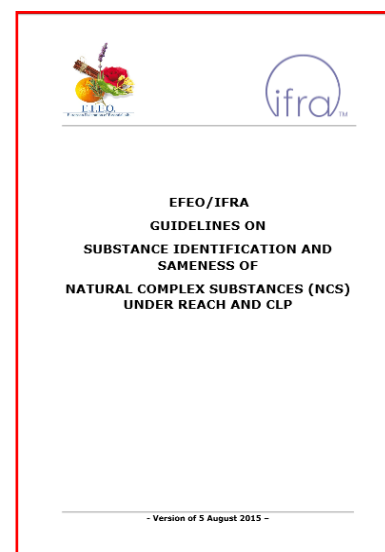
	<i>Start date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
8 proposals	31/08/2015	15/10/2015
4 proposals	30/09/2015	16/11/2015

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

<i>Substances</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Phosmet (CAS 732-11-6)	30/09/2015	16/11/2015
Pinoxaden (CAS 243973-20-8-		
Quizalofop-P-tefuryl; (+/-) tetrahydrofurfuryl (R)-2-[4-(6-chloroquinoxalin-2-yloxy) phenoxy] propionate (CAS 200509-41-7)		

## Latest publications

- **Guidance on substance identification for essential oils:** The European industry associations for essential oils have published [new guidance](#) to help industry to fulfil their registration obligations under REACH. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Guidance on Safety Data Sheets:** ECHA has published an update of the "[Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets](#)". Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Guidance on downstream user chemical safety report:** A [new practical guide](#) is available on how to prepare a downstream user chemical safety report. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Guide on communicating with ECHA during dossier evaluation:** The practical guide on [how to communicate with ECHA in dossier evaluation](#) has been updated. It gives an overview of the dossier evaluation process and highlights registrants' obligations in making sure that their dossiers are compliant. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Nanomaterials workshop proceedings:** ECHA has published on its website the [Nanomaterials workshop proceedings](#). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Compliance check workshop proceedings:** ECHA has published on his website the [Compliance check workshop proceedings](#). Further information can be found [here](#).



## Check which substances are undergoing informal hazard assessment and risk management option analysis

Check the Public Activities Coordination Tool ([PACT](#)) to see for which substances a risk management option analysis (RMOA) or an informal hazard assessment for PBT/vPvB (persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic/very persistent and very bio-accumulative) properties or endocrine disruptor properties is under development or has been completed by authorities. A new column "Latest update" has been added to make it easier to spot which entries in the table have been updated with new information. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#).

## New RAC and SEAC conclusions

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) concluded on one restriction proposal and also finalized two opinions on applications for authorisation and adopted six harmonised classification and labelling opinions. The Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) concluded on three restriction proposals and finalized two opinions on applications for authorisation. Further information on [RAC](#) and [SEAC](#) decisions can be found in ECHA's news alerts.

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

## Authorisation

### ❖ New decisions on applications to use a substance subject to authorisation

The European Commission issued three new decisions to authorise four industrial uses of diarsenic trioxide. It concerns the following companies:

- [Boliden Kokkola Oy](#) for the use of diarsenic trioxide in the purification of metal impurities from the leaching solution in the zinc electro winning process. The authorisation is valid till 21 May 2027.
- [Nordenhamer Zinkhütte GmbH](#) for the industrial use of diarsenic trioxide to produce a copper concentrate in the purification of the leaching solution in a zinc electro winning process. The authorisation is valid till 21 May 2027.
- [Lixens France SA](#) for the formulation of diarsenic trioxide into a mixture and the industrial use of diarsenic trioxide as processing aid in gold electroplating. The authorisation is valid till 21 May 2022.

### ❖ Notify ECHA of your uses covered by a REACH authorisation

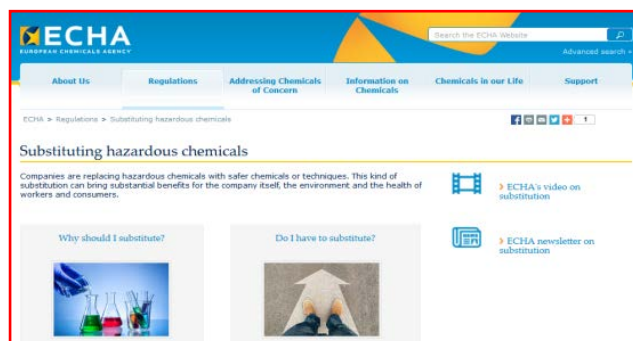
If you use a substance for which an actor up your supply chain has an authorisation, you have to notify, under [Article 66 REACH](#), your use of that substance to ECHA. There is now a [webform](#) available for this notification. Reminder: The obligation to notify applies after the authorisation decision has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union. You have to notify within three months after the substance was delivered to you the first time. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

## European Court of Justice rules on SVHCs in articles

Following several years of discussion; the European Court of Justice ruled on SVHCs in articles and said the 0.1% threshold for notifying SVHCs in articles applies to "each of the articles incorporated as a component of a complex product" rather than to the entire article. This case relates to Articles 7(2) and 33 of the REACH Regulation. Thus, following [ECJ's decision](#), each of the articles, incorporated as a component of a complex product, is covered by the relevant duties to notify and provide information, when they contain an SVHC in a concentration above 0.1% of their mass.

## Thinking about substitution in your business?

ECHA has published [new web pages](#) on how to successfully substitute hazardous chemicals or techniques with safer alternatives. A [new video](#) promoting the benefits of substitution for European citizens is also available in 23 languages. Two [webinars](#) addressing substitution will be available in 2015. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news item](#).



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

## AGENDA

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

### National events

- 12 November 2015 Stand at the EU Open Day and Launching event of the European SME week 2015, Chamber of Commerce, L-Kirchberg. More information will be available soon.
- 3 December 2015 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.

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 **13 October, 10 November and 15 December**. Please register via our [contact form](#).

### International events

- 7-8 October 2015 Topical Scientific Workshop on Soil Risk Assessment, Helsinki, Finland. Further information [here](#).
- 20 October 2015 Conference "REACH and Beyond - Challenges and Options for Improvements", Brussels, Belgium. Further information [here](#).
- 17 November 2015 Workshop on "Streamlining applications for authorization", Brussels, Belgium. Further information [here](#).

### Webinars

- 21 October 2015 "Downstream user update" Webinar. Further information [here](#).
- 18 November 2015 "REACH 2018: Find your co-registrants and prepare to work together" Webinar. Further information [here](#).