

## General things

### Save the date! Annual conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 (12:30 to 5:15 pm), the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg holds its annual conference at the Chamber of Commerce at Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

During the conference "REACH&CLP: implementation and future challenges for companies", the Luxembourgish REACH&CLP Helpdesk presents the latest developments on REACH and CLP related to your current and future requirements. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will present the key points of the 2018 registration deadline and will review the main sources of information made available by ECHA. The Belgian Poison Centre will also attend and will present obligations related to the declaration of hazardous mixtures. Other topics also discussed will be the new biocides regulation and the link between CLP and the transport of dangerous goods.

Prior to the conference, you are invited to a networking lunch where you can discuss in a relaxed atmosphere with the team of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the speakers and the other participants.

Registration is free, but mandatory. Please register online under via the [registration form](#) available on the [event webpage](#), before 26 November 2015.

### New and on-going public consultations

REACH: [Applications for authorisation](#)

Substances	Start date	Deadline
Chromium trioxide (CAS 1333-82-0)	11/11/2015	07/01/2016

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
Isocyanates	08/10/2015	01/12/2015

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
4 proposals	01/11/2015	16/12/2015

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
1,2-dihydroxybenzene; pyrocatechol (CAS 120-80-9)	07/10/2015	23/11/2015
Sodium hypochlorite, solution ... % Cl active (CAS 7681-52-9)		
Spirodiclofen (ISO) (CAS 148477-71-8)	20/10/2015	04/12/2015
2-benzyl-2-dimethylamino-4'-morpholinobutyrophenone (CAS 119313-12-1)	27/10/2015	11/12/2015
Isobutyl methacrylate CAS 97-86-9)		

#### PBT assessments under previous legislation now available

ECHA has made the [assessments](#) conducted under previous EU chemicals legislation on 127 substances suspected to have PBT (persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic) and vPvB (very persistent and very bioaccumulative) properties available. These assessments were carried out by the sub-group on identification of PBT and vPvB substances (TC NES) between 2003 and 2007.

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

## Latest publications

- **Presentations on REACH and CLP as part of your work:** Five presentations highlighting key issues of REACH and CLP for downstream users are available for you to [download](#) and ECHA invites you to use the slides freely. They are aimed at different audiences, including management, workers, environmental health and safety professionals, industry groups and authorities.
- **Updated Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets:** ECHA has published translations into 22 EU languages of the latest update to the "[Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets](#)" (version 3.0). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Updated Guidance on CLP:** ECHA has published translations into 22 EU languages of the latest update to the "[Introductory Guidance on the CLP Regulation](#)" (version 2.1). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Presentations from workshop on soil risk assessment:** The presentations of the workshop on soil risk assessment are now available on the [event page](#). A video recording is also coming soon. Further information can be found [here](#).

## New working group to address petroleum and coal stream substances

On 10 and 11 September, representatives from the Member States, the European Commission and stakeholder organisations met for the first time to discuss how to progress on petroleum and coal stream substances. A set of 65 substances with uses by consumers and at professional settings were given the highest priority for further work in order to focus on substances that matter the most for human health and the environment. Further information can be found [here](#).

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

### ECHA will update the Guidance on substances in articles

Following the judgement of the Court of Justice, ECHA will update its "[Guidance on requirements for substances in articles](#)" in two stages:

1. A quick update in the coming months restricted to correcting the parts with references to the 0.1% limit that are no longer consistent with the conclusions of the Court judgement.
2. A more comprehensive exercise to allow for a general update and re-structuring of the document.

Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#) and further information on the judgment of the Court of Justice can be found in our [news of 18 September 2015](#).

## Registration

### ❖ Is your employer ready for the REACH 2018 deadline?

ECHA has published a [leaflet](#) informing workers in chemical companies about the upcoming 2018 REACH registration deadline. Workers are encouraged to check with their employer whether the chemical substances used in the workplace are intended to be registered by 2018. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news item](#).

### ❖ Upcoming: Registration process changes in 2016

In 2016, ECHA will release new versions of the IT tools used for creating (IUCLID) and submitting (REACH-IT) registrations. The main changes will be an updated completeness check process and an improved system to make sure that all registrations for the same substance are made with a single joint registration. Further information can be found in [ECHA's newsletter](#).

## Evaluation – ECHA announces draft plan for substance evaluation 2016-2018

ECHA has prepared a proposal to update the [Community Rolling Action Plan](#) (CoRAP) for 2016-2018. The [draft plan](#) contains 138 substances that are proposed to be evaluated by the Member States under the substance evaluation process of REACH. It contains 53 newly selected substances and 85 substances from the [update](#) adopted and published on 17 March 2015 (CoRAP 2015-2017). ECHA's aim is to adopt and publish the final CoRAP update 2016-2018 by the end of March 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's news alert](#).

## Restriction

### ❖ Existing restriction for benzene adapted

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2015/1494](#) adapts the existing restriction of benzene (entry 5 of Annex XVII REACH). Paragraph 3 of this entry prohibits the placing on the market or use of benzene as a substance or as a constituent of other substances, or in mixtures, in concentrations equal to or greater than 0.1 % by weight. Due to geological particularities, natural gas from certain reservoirs contains more than 0.1 % of benzene by weight but less than 0.1 % by volume. The high cost of reducing the concentration of benzene in natural gas to below 0.1 % by weight would be disproportionate and, in the light of an opinion of ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC), unnecessary for the purposes of risk management. Therefore, Annex XVII REACH is amended to allow for the placing on the market and the use of natural gas with a concentration of benzene below 0.1 % by volume.

### ❖ Commission invites comments on restricting 291 substances

The European Commission has launched a [public consultation](#) on its proposal to restrict 291 substances that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (CMR). The aim is to target hazardous substances in textile articles and clothing for consumers. The list of CMR substances (individual substances or groups) covered by this possible restriction would be added as a specific appendix to Annex XVII to REACH and could be regularly updated. Deadline for comments: 22 January 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#).

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

## AGENDA

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

### National events

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 [here](#).

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 date is **15 December**. Please register via our [contact form](#).

### International events

17 November 2015 Workshop on "Streamlining applications for authorization", Brussels, Belgium. Further information [here](#).

### Webinars

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