

## General things

### Feedback from the annual REACH&CLP conference



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Conference & Networking Lunch: Implementation of REACH&CLP regulations and future challenges" was organized by the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg with the support of the FEDIL-Business Federation Luxembourg, the Enterprise Europe Network, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure and the Ministry of the Economy and within the framework of the European SME Week.

This new edition welcomed over 60 participants who were able to discuss with the team of the REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg, the speakers as well as other participants on REACH and CLP during a networking lunch. The conference started

with an update on the developments in the different processes of REACH and CLP in 2015 and outlined the perspectives for 2016. This was followed by a presentation on the upcoming REACH registration deadline scheduled for 2018, a key hot topic for many companies. Linked to this first subject, a presentation was given, also by the European Chemicals Agency, on the different information sources on chemical substances available at the ECHA website.

The second part of the conference was dedicated to different themes linked to REACH and CLP including presentations on the declaration of hazardous mixtures to the Belgian Poison Centre, on the legislation related to the transport of dangerous goods and on the biocidal products regulation. In conclusion on this conference it was reminded that a proactive approach to legislation allows companies to effectively manage risks linked with their activities.

More information on the annual conference is available [here](#). The presentations can be downloaded on our website in the section "[Workshops and conferences](#)" and on the dedicated [event website](#).

### New and on-going public consultations

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
Methanol (CAS 67-56-1)	09/12/2015	09/02/2016

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
Lead and its compounds (CAS 7439-92-1)	16/12/2015	15/02/2016

### Season's greetings!

The REACH&CLP Helpdesk Luxembourg will be closed from Wednesday 23 December 2015 to Friday 01 January 2016 including.

Waiting to see you again in 2016, our team wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### ECHA asks registrants to show how they considered alternative methods before consulting on testing proposals

To further ensure that testing on animals is only done as a last resort, ECHA has started to send the first requests to registrants asking them to inform ECHA that they have considered alternative testing methods before submitting new testing proposals involving vertebrate animals.

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

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
24 proposals	30/11/2015	14/01/2016

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

Substances	Start date	Deadline
4-tert-butylphenol (CAS 98-54-4)	24/11/2015	08/01/2016
Isoproturon (ISO) (CAS 34123-59-6)	09/12/2015	25/01/2016
Maleic anhydride (CAS 108-31-6)		
Succinic anhydride (CAS 108-30-5)		

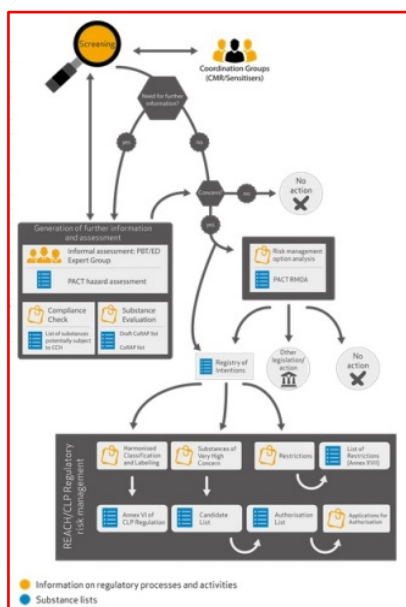
### New RAC and SEAC conclusions

The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) adopted an opinion on a restriction proposal, agreed on three draft opinions for authorisation applications and proposed 17 substances for harmonised classification and labelling. The Committee for Socio-economic Assessment (SEAC) adopted final opinions on the restriction proposals for Bisphenol A and PFOA and agreed on draft opinions supporting the restriction of methanol and authorisation applications for three substances.

Further information on [RAC](#) and [SEAC](#) decisions can be found in ECHA's news alerts. For further information on finalizing evaluation on the restriction proposal of Bisphenol A by ECHA's committees you can consult [ECHA's press release](#).

## Latest publications

- **Guidance on safety data sheets:** ECHA has published a corrigendum to the ["Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets"](#) to correct the quotation of the legal text of [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/830](#) and the highlighting of the new legal text in some of the translated versions.
- **Safety data sheet checklist:** A [safety data sheet checklist](#), developed in cooperation with the [Enforcement Forum](#), is available in 23 languages on [ECHA's website](#). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Guidelines on substance identification and sameness of natural complex substances:** The [English version](#) of the guidance prepared by the European industry associations for essential oils and published in August, has now been translated into seven EU languages. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Case study for assessing chemical hazards with the QSAR Toolbox:** ECHA has published a new [illustrative example](#) which demonstrates what elements need to be taken into account when predicting long-term toxicity to fish with the [QSAR Toolbox](#). Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Practical guide 12:** The updated version of the ["Practical Guide 12: How to communicate with ECHA in dossier evaluation"](#) is now available in 23 languages.
- **REACH Guidance document on use description:** ECHA has published an update of [Chapter R.12 "Use description"](#) of the "Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment". Further information can be found [here](#).
- **Napo's website:** The new version of [Napo's website](#) is now available online. Further information can be found [here](#).



## Infographic: See how risk management processes are interconnected

An [infographic](#) outlining how various authorities' activities and regulatory processes are interconnected is available on ECHA's website. It illustrates the different steps substances can go through during the regulatory risk management process and shows the different lists in which substances can be found, for example the Community rolling action plan (CoRAP) and Authorisation List (Annex XIV REACH). You can navigate easily from the infographic to the relevant pages on ECHA's website to learn more about the activities.

## Forum starts projects on internet trade of chemicals and on substances in articles

At its November meeting, the [Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement](#) decided on two new pilot projects for 2016 and 2017.

In 2016, a pilot project will focus on internet sales of chemicals. The intention is to enforce that legal provisions are fulfilled when substances and mixtures are offered for sale on the internet (e.g. appropriate information is provided to customers).

The pilot project for 2017 will focus on enforcing the provisions for substances in articles in REACH. The Forum is committed to coordinate enforcement of these provisions following the recent [judgement of the Court of Justice](#) ruling on SVHCs in articles and clarifying the obligations under Articles 7(2) and 33 REACH.

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

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

### Registration – REACH 2018: Find your co-registrants

ECHA has published a [press release](#) reminding registrants that the second phase to a successful REACH registration is about finding co-registrants. This is an obligation under the REACH Regulation. Therefore, companies preparing for the 2018 registration deadline need to find their co-registrants and establish substance sameness early enough.

### Authorisation

#### ❖ Candidate List updated

At 17 December 2015, five substances are added to the [Candidate List](#) for authorisation which now contains 168 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 five substances is 17 June 2016. Further information [here](#).

#### ❖ ECHA consults on 11 substances to be proposed for authorisation

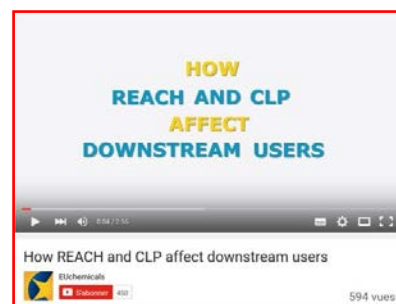
ECHA invites comments on a [proposal](#) to include 11 new substances in the [Authorisation List](#). If a substance is included in the List (Annex XIV of REACH), it can be placed on the market or used after a given date only if an authorisation is granted for a specific use. Comments can be given by 18 February 2016. Further information can be found in [ECHA's press release](#).

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

The European Commission issued one [new decision](#) to authorise two uses of trichloroethylene. It concerns the company Vlisco Netherlands BV for a use as a solvent for the removal and recovery of resin from dyed cloth and a use as a solvent in a process to recover and purify resin from process water. The authorisation is valid till 21 april 2028. Overall the Commission has made 12 authorisation decisions.

### Downstream users – New video available

ECHA has just published a new video called “[How REACH and CLP affect downstream users](#)”. The video explains what REACH and CLP mean for downstream users. It complements their first video “[Who is a downstream user under REACH and CLP](#)” and together they give a basic overview of who downstream users are, how they are affected by the European chemicals legislation and where they can find further information. The video will be translated into 22 languages.



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





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

### New template for proposing harmonised classification and labelling

ECHA's [new template](#) for proposals for [harmonised classification and labelling \(CLH\)](#) is now available. The template supports Member States and industry in providing a structured, transparent and consistent CLH dossier for public consultation and assessment by ECHA's Committee for Risk Assessment. The aim is to keep the overall workload of all parties concerned as low as possible. Further information can be found in [ECHA's e-news](#).

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## AGENDA

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

### International events

- 11-12 January 2016 Expert workshop on valuing the health impacts of chemicals, Helsinki, Finland. Further information: [here](#).
- 19-20 April 2016 Topical Scientific Workshop - New Approach Methodologies in Regulatory Science, Helsinki, Finland. Further information: [here](#).

### Webinars

- 2 March 2016 "REACH 2018 Get organised with your co-registrants - SIEF management and data sharing" Webinar. Further information: [here](#).