



10 Years of REACH – Looking at the Future of Chemical Regulations for SMEs

Overview

Over the past decade, REACH has had a profound impact on businesses across the world in a diverse range of sectors. With the 2018 deadline for registrations fast approaching, many SMEs are in need of practical guidance on how to understand – and comply with – the regulation.

This session offers attendees a practical workshop on navigating the processes around using and working with Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) in articles, no matter the industry. Join us for relevant support in understanding your supply chain and the importance of clear communication on chemicals use in the EU.

Speakers

Moderator: **Malik Duhaut**, Regulatory Affairs Advisor - FTA

- **Telmo Vieira Prazeres**, Scientific Officer at the Classification and Prioritisation Unit of the European Chemicals Agency - ECHA
- **Stéphane Content**, Manager Product Stewardship – CEFIC/ICCA
- **Dr. Dirk von Czarowski**, Vice President Global Chemistry - Intertek

Session Highlights

- Transparent and good communication throughout the supply chain leads to compliance and business sustainability. There is a strong need for systems and tools that facilitate and streamline the communication and transfer of information. By ensuring REACH compliance throughout the supply chain, the companies can better manage risks posed by complex chemicals in products. Inclusion of a substance in the Candidate List is not a “ban”, however companies should consider substitution of Candidate List substances in the articles. The substitution can only be achieved once companies are aware of the chemicals being used.
- Engaging in an open dialogue about companies’ experiences in the use of supply chain communication tools regarding specific elements will allow increasing benefits for all stakeholders across the supply chain.
- The industry understands that quality and sustainability are not a cost factor these are important steps which are increasingly considered as an investment in a better future.
- Constructive dialogue between different political, social and economic actors helps to reduce the complexity and gaps that are present today in the supply chains.

Quotes

- “Everything starts with chemical raw material” (Telmo Vieira Prazeres- ECHA)
- “candidate list is updated every 6 months, we are dealing with a very dynamic system” (Telmo Vieira Prazeres- ECHA)
- “There are so many RSL’s – number of substances added to the RSL are driven by Marketing- Marketing is not driven by Science and R&D” (Stéphane Content – CEFIC / ICCA)
- “We are dealing with chemical matters but parties involved are not chemists” (Dr. Dirk von Czarnowski - Intertek)