

15 April 2015

Use of REACH/CLP information at industrial sites

Workshop outline

Venue: ECHA Conference Centre, Helsinki

Dates: 16-17 April 2015

ECHA will organise a workshop to initiate a discussion with stakeholders on how information generated through the REACH and CLP processes can be used to promote the safe use of chemicals at industrial sites.

Operators of industrial installations using chemicals in their activities are key actors in ensuring that chemicals are used safely for both human health and the environment. In doing so, they need to comply with a number of environmental and occupational safety and health legislations as well as REACH. Companies use an ever growing amount of information to operate safely and in accordance with the legal requirements. They will only benefit from the full added value of this mass of data if they use it in an efficient and effective way.

The objectives of this workshop are to explore how the data now generated by REACH and CLP can support companies in managing the risks from chemicals and how that use of information can be improved.

To support this work, a case study has been developed for a hypothetical company dealing in a line of business that has obligations under the legislations considered. The process covers surface treatment of metals (electroplating). The case study was chosen to exemplify a typical process that utilise chemicals and where the learnings can be applied to a wide range of industries.

During the workshop, the case study will serve to illustrate and identify in a practical way, where the information in the supply chain generated from REACH/CLP can be used to support downstream users in fulfilling their responsibilities under other occupational safety, health and environmental legislations.

The format will consist of presentations to set the scene and introduce the case study, and of breakout groups to discuss specific issues and reflect on possible ways towards implementation. The workshop is not an information or training event, rather an opportunity to identify possibilities for better use of data generated under different legislative regimes at site level, and influence how we can move in the direction of improved information flow. Neither is it intended to deal with policy aspects related to the interface between REACH/CLP and other legislations.

We are contacting you as we would like to bring together industry practitioners and authorities with a sound practical knowledge of REACH/CLP and the main environmental and occupational health directives (IED, CAD and CMD) at industrial sites. We invite you to join us in building on good practices on-site and to discuss how to develop and promote the outcome.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Thursday 16 April

Time	Item	Contributions
12:30	Registration and coffee	
13:00	SESSION 1 Opening – Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and house rules • Background and purposes • REACH/CLP data for cross-cutting chemicals legislation • How Can REACH/CLP Information Endorse Safe Use of Chemicals at Industrial Sites? • Use of REACH/CLP information for a better chemicals management • Questions, reactions and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Murray (ECHA) • Elina Karhu (ECHA) • Christian Heidorn (DG ENV) • Thomas May (DUCC) • Irene Canas Sierra (Eurométaux)
14:15	SESSION 2 REACH information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REACH/CLP information to ensure safe use and support substitution • How REACH has influenced the information in the supply chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fesil Mushtaq (ECHA) • Jouni Räisänen (Finnish safety and chemicals agency)
15:00	Coffee break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Specific Environmental Release Categories at installation level • Questions, reactions and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirk Jepsen (Ökopol)
16:00	SESSION 3 The experience and learnings so far: Case histories and approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REACH/CLP impact at industrial sites: Experience / learnings so far • How a downstream user deals with REACH (and related chemical legislations) • Questions, reactions and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pekka Korttesmaa (Borealis Polymers Oy) • Richard Schreurs (SPG Prints)
17:00	SESSION 4 Introduction on the ECHA case study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the case study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique Pillet (ECHA)
17:30	End of day 1 Informal dinner	

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Day 2 – Friday 17 April

Time	Item	Contributions
9:00	SESSION 5 Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives to support information use Break-out sessions based on the ECHA case study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussions based on the situations explored • Panel discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridget Ginnity (ECHA) • All
11:30	Coffee break	
12:00	SESSION 6 Approaches from authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of data from REACH for environmental management in metal plating sites – a pilot case • Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC) CHEMEX view on OSH/REACH interface issues with a focus on practical issues at the workplace • Linking the Directive on Industrial Emissions (IED) and the REACH Regulation • Questions, reactions and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugen Anwander (Environmental Inspectorate, Vorarlberg, AT) • David Green (SLIC Chemex working Group) • Gisela Holzgraefe (IMPEL)
13:30	SESSION 7 Conclusions and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matti Vainio (ECHA), all
14:30	End of the meeting	