

## 2017–18 Rolling Work Plan

for the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and The National Industrial Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) of the Australian Government Department of Health, Related to Chemical Management Activities

This document describes the 2017-18 activities planned by ECHA and NICNAS to implement the above mentioned Memorandum of Understanding.

### Topics identified for exchange of information in 2017-18:

- NICNAS reforms
  - Indicative risk used to class new chemicals (self-determined by industry)
  - Existing chemicals framework
  - Compliance
  - IT systems
- Status of programmes
  - IMAP
  - CoRAP, SVHC Roadmap, Dissemination Roadmap (e.g. brief profiles)
- NICNAS assessments where hazard conclusion different to REACH Dossiers
- Substance identification for certain substances (e.g. UVCB, petroleum compounds)
- Technical issues relating to NICNAS reform projects (e.g. masked names, information on chemical identity)
- Prioritisation/de-prioritisation of substances for regulatory action
- Predictive toxicology (e.g. QSAR, read across, New Assessment Methods)
- Nanomaterials regulatory updates and technical issues
- Strategies for maximising impact of new scientific knowledge in regulatory work and accessibility of information on chemicals (i.e. Integrated science strategy)
- Emerging issues (e.g. short chain PFASs)
- Tattoo inks and skin whiteners

### Means of cooperation envisioned in 2017:

- Ahead of time advice on publication of assessments/updates of chemical databases
- *Ad hoc* communication/sharing of information on technical and communication topics (website & planning/strategies), chemical information and guidance documents of interest
- Information exchange on the IUCLID plugin customised for NICNAS
- Share/peer review assessment reports, relevant regulatory guidance and/or risk assessment approaches
- Missions to each other's institutions (i.e. scientific workshops) and bilateral meetings scheduled around other events (i.e. Helsinki Chemicals Forum, OECD Joint Meeting).
- Tentative plan for specific activities:
  - February/March – Provision of IUCLID plugin to NICNAS
  - March – Call on ECHA's environmental Read-Across Assessment Framework
  - March – Call on use of IUCLID
  - April – Call on nanomaterials
  - June – NICNAS participation in ECHA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 2017 HCF
  - July – NICNAS technical reforms projects update
  - September – Update on use of IUCLID
  - September/October – NICNAS technical reforms update
  - October – ECHA-NICNAS high-level call

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