

11th meeting of the Directors Contact Group on Registration under REACH

1 July 2011

The Directors Contact Group on Registration (DCG) held their eleventh meeting on 1 July 2011. This meeting was the first under the new terms of work, which are enabling further activities of the DCG until September 2013. Three downstream user organisations are now part of the DCG.

In this meeting the directors reflected on the lessons learnt from the work leading up to the 2010 deadline and discussed new potential areas of concern. The lessons learnt will soon be published in a comprehensive document. Among those, feedback from member states and companies has shown that for instance some work on SIEFs in general and how SMEs are treated could be necessary. Communication in the supply chain is also becoming a prime focus of the directors.

Although industry is showing good preparedness for REACH, the next registration deadline in 2013 will be a challenge. The directors recognise that registration can be demanding and are therefore encouraging companies to start preparing now for 2013. Furthermore the group emphasised that all actors of the supply chain should take proactive steps for a smooth implementation of REACH.