

Event: Workshop on feedback on ES short titles
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Objectives

After ENES5, sixteen companies volunteered to test the practical implementation of the IT based, structured short titles for exposure scenario for communication. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the feedback from the testers on the proposed IT rules. Based on the feedback the aim was to refine (if needed) the first and the second identifier, and to document proposals and refinement needs for the third identifier in the short title. Based on the workshop discussion, a document which contains recommendations at ENES6 would be produced.

Participants

The workshop heard results from 10 companies and two industry associations.

Conclusions

The following principles were agreed:

- The short title for communication is put together from the use descriptor codes.
- The first identifier assigns the life cycle stage of the substance (formulation, use at industrial sites, use by professional workers or consumer use).
- The second identifier describes the relevant market with either product category (PC), article category (AC) or sector of use (SU).
- The third, optional identifier can be used to differentiate between exposure scenarios for different uses where necessary.

With regard to the identified issues, the following was concluded:

- In order to clarify the scope of "Formulation", it would be called "Formulation, including mixing, handling, repackaging", pending Fecc confirmation.
- When choosing the 2nd identifier, one should first pick either a PC or an AC, and only after, if there is no match, pick an SU.
- For uses in "various products" a maximum of five PC or SU codes could be listed in the short title.
- The current PC and SU list should be selectively expanded with TARIC, NACE and UCN codes.
- The names of some PC/SU codes should be shortened.
- The third identifier should also be built from standard phrases, following an agreed set of hierarchical rules. A separate workshop is needed to work on these.

Next steps

The working group will present the rule sets for the 1st and 2nd identifier for ENES6, after which it is expected that the rules recommended can start their implementation in the IT tools. The exposure scenario short titles for communication should then gradually emerge in the exposure scenarios for communication in the supply chain, and should form a Table of Content in the exposure scenario annexes to the safety data sheet. The working group will continue the development of the rule set for the third identifier, and ensure that its results are linked to the ECom project. Finally, ECHA will launch the update of the Guidance on the Use descriptor system (R12) in late 2014, where some of the working group's conclusions can be considered for implementation.