

Arnold van der Wielen

Arnold van der Wielen is the senior policy-official and co-ordinator on chemicals management policy of the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment.

He was from 1987 to 1 June 2007 the Competent Authority for the implementation of Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation 793/93/EEC.

From 1987 to 1993, he managed the Dutch Chemical Substances Bureau, which was active in the implementation of the abovementioned EU legislation, participated in several OECD activities on chemical substances, and was involved in the development of a new chemicals management strategy SOMS in the Netherlands (Strategy on Management of Substances). From 2001 to 2003, he was a part-time delegate to DG Environment providing technical assistance in drafting the proposal for the future REACH Regulation, joined the Dutch delegation in the Ad Hoc Council Working Group (AHG) and was responsible for the Dutch contribution in the negotiation process of the REACH proposal. During that period, he also took part in the implementation of REACH in the Netherlands.

From 1 June 2007, he was a member of the ECHA Management Board and, from 15 May 2009, he was appointed for 5 years by ECHA as an alternate/additional technical member of the Board of Appeal.

He is a biologist by education and has specialized in radiation-genetics. From 1973 he was expert-secretary of the Dutch Health Council for preparing scientific advice on radiation issues and in 1981 joined the services of the Dutch Environmental Department.