

OS 2.1 Update on the scope of upcoming REF/BEF projects

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WG Prioritisation



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Objective and mandate of the WG

- Review annually a list of proposals for REF projects
- Applying Forum's methodology for prioritisation, selection and management of REF projects
- Draft a recommendation proposing the subject for the next REF project and pilot projects

Prioritisation of REF-12 proposals

- 7 proposals for REF projects
- Submitted by Forum members (5)
- WebEx meeting on 11 May 2022 to review the proposals
- Similar proposals were combined

Combination 1:

- ✓ *Integrated chemical controls of imported products (substances, mixtures and articles)*
- ✓ *Improved targeting of imported goods (substances, mixtures and articles)*
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Combination 2:

- ✓ *Placing on the market via digital/online services*
- ✓ *Enforcement of Online Sales*

Prioritisation of REF-12 proposals

- Other proposals
 - ✓ *Update requirements and other follow-up requirements for dossiers submitted under Title II of the REACH Regulation*
 - ✓ *(Pilot study regarding) Restrictions on PFAS - enforcement of placing on the market*

Selected **REF 12** project

Enforcement of chemical regulation compliance of imported substances, mixtures and articles

REACH:

- Art. 5, Art. 6 (registrations required by importers),
- Art. 56 (authorisations)
- Art. 67 (restrictions in substances, mixtures in articles)

Supporting arguments presented

- Imported goods are highlighted as an area with high risk of non-compliance. 90% of alerts on dangerous products are for imported products.
- Recommendation to the Commission to establish a system for harmonised controls during import to prevent the entrance of non-compliant products into the EU market.
- There is an increase in number of imported products; Forum is aware of challenges in enforcement of imported goods.
- Addressed in the Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), emphasizing the need to strengthen surveillance capabilities as well as the role of customs authorities.
- Outcomes of the Commission's REACH-Custom studies would benefit from a joint action

Enforcement project REF-13

- ECHA ASOs are invited to submit proposals for Harmonised Enforcement Projects of the Forum (REFs/pilots)
- Please send your proposals by **14 April 2023**
- Please use the template available here:

<https://www.echa.europa.eu/about-us/who-we-are/enforcement-forum/forum-enforcement-projects>

Enforcement project BEF-3

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- Please send your proposals by **14 April 2023**
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<https://www.echa.europa.eu/about-us/who-we-are/enforcement-forum/forum-enforcement-projects>
- Topics so far: BEF-1 (treated articles), BEF-2 (biocidal products)

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