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Preliminary results of enforcement project point to high rates of incompliance among chemical formulators

The preliminary results of REACH-EN-FORCE-2 were presented to the participants of the 13th plenary meeting of the Forum which took place from 27 to 30 November 2012 in Helsinki. The project looked at the obligations of formulators of mixtures and the quality of safety data sheets (SDSs).

Helsinki, 04 December 2012 - The results highlighted the serious efforts Member States are taking to establish a harmonised approach to enforcement. In total, 29 Member States participated in the project with national inspectors carrying out approximately 1 200 inspections; 85% of the inspected companies were SMEs. The rate of companies submitting non-compliant SDSs was 52%, the rate of incompliance with the (pre)registration obligations was 12% while the rate of incompliance with CLP notification obligations was 25%.

In this meeting, the Forum also endorsed the final report of the interlinks working group that involved the opinions of national enforcement authorities, the Member State competent authorities and ECHA. The outcome of the working group helps to further streamline the interactions between the authorities. As ECHA is gradually sending out more and more binding decisions resulting from its various regulatory processes, these interactions are increasingly important for the efficient and effective enforcement of REACH and CLP. The information exchange with national enforcement authorities is supported by RIPE (REACH Information Portal for Enforcement).

The Forum also established two new working groups to elaborate the Forum's next multi-annual work programme 2014-2016 and prepare training for enforcement trainers in 2013.

One day of the meeting was reserved for an open session with accredited stakeholder organisations to exchange views on different topics including the first results from the latest enforcement project. The Forum also invited the stakeholder organisations to work with them on the elaboration of an inventory of analytical methods for the enforcement of restrictions.

The next Forum plenary is planned for March 2013.

Further information

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