

# Update on the scope of REF projects

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# Overview

- Ongoing projects
- Prioritisation process
  - Topics for the REF-6 project
  - Topics for pilot projects

## Ongoing projects

### Under preparation- Operational phase in 2017

- **REF-5**

- **Scope:** Extended SDS/exposure scenarios, RMMs and OCs
- Combining proposals from different submitters (including ASOs)

N.B.: The proposal from Eurometaux is covered by REF-5 project!

- **Pilot projects**

- **Control of internet sales of chemicals**

- **Scope:** information to customers when substances and mixtures are offered for sale on the internet according to CLP (Art. 48)

- **Substances in articles**

- **Scope:** SVHCs in articles related obligations in REACH (Art.7(2) and 33).

## Prioritisation process (1)

### The WG prioritisation of REF projects mandate

- Review annually a list of proposals for REF projects submitted by Forum members, ECHA, COM, ECHA ASOs
- Prioritise the subjects by applying Forum's methodology for the prioritisation, selection and management of REF projects
- Draft a recommendation proposing the subject for the next REF project (and pilot projects)

## Prioritisation process (2)

### The WG prioritisation of REF projects

- Assessed proposals
  - **16** new proposals for REF-6 submitted by the deadline (15 April 2016)
  - Older REF-5 (**11**) and REF-4 proposals (**3**)
- Applied Forum methodology
  - mandatory criteria (e.g. relevancy, added value etc.) and
  - optional criteria (risk, feasibility etc.)
- Shortlisted subjects for REF-6 (and pilot projects) by Forum-25 (will be discussing on this in the next days!)

## Topics for the REF-6 project

### Shortlisted proposals

N.B.: The two proposal from CEPE are being considered for REF-6 project!

#### Intermediates

- **Scope:** provisions applicable to intermediates including the SCC (REACH art . 17 and 18).
- **Reasons:** increasing number of registrations with the status «intermediate»; high rate of non compliance with SCCs; wrong application of exemptions from authorisation.

#### CLP

- **Scope:** different CLP provisions (new legal obligations for mixtures; harmonised C&L; variations in C&L for the same substance -agreed entries; coherence labels-SDS).
- **Reasons:** end of transitional period for C&L obligations for mixtures; various entries in the C&L inventory with diverse classifications; low quality of SDSs.

#### Registration

- **Scope:** registration obligations -last registration deadline.
- **Reasons:** expected possible non compliance for low volume substances.

#### Authorisation

- **Scope:** entries in Annex XIV with sunset dates in 2017 or before.
- **Reasons:** make use of experience of the two Forum pilot projects on authorisation from 2015 and 2016.

## **Some rejected proposals for not fulfilling mandatory criteria**

- Enforcement of consumer articles restrictions (PAH and lead).
- Supplemental information on the label relating to Regulation (EU) No 98/2013 on explosives precursors.
- Exemptions for recovered substances – REACH Art 2(7)(d)
- Individual registrations submitted outside joint submissions and multiple joint submissions submitted for the same substance – REACH Art.11

## Topics for Forum pilot projects

### PIC

- **Scope:** PIC Regulation obligations, safe use information in SDSs also for export.
- **Reasons:** need for a harmonised approach to PIC enforcement actions; cooperation with customs authorities could be strengthened

### Registration of monomers

- **Scope:** obligation to register monomers contained in polymers according to REACH Art 6.
- **Reasons:** legal obligation to register monomers and other substances contained in polymers is widely unknown particularly among importers (inspection results)

### CLP Exemptions from labelling and packaging requirements

- **Scope:** CLP article 29.1 and 29.2 exceptions from the labelling and packaging requirements (and section 1.5.1 and 1.5.2 of Annex I).
- **Reasons:** improve the knowledge about such exceptions



## Requests to ASOs

- Take note of the information provided
- Submit new project proposals anytime to Forum Secretariat (or re-submit old proposals) – the deadline for the next project cycle is **31 March 2017!**

**Thank You!**

