

Development of CSA/CSR in Fine Chemicals

**What will be the issues for 2013?
What support is needed?**

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My Agenda Today

1. What is EFCG and who are its members?
2. What is a fine chemical?
3. Typical fine chemical manufacturing operations
4. Fine Chemicals - REACH
5. EFCG Position
6. Support needed → May 2013



Who is EFCG?

- **EFCG = European Fine Chemicals Group**
- **Represents European Fine Chemical manufacturers**
- **EFCG = a sector group of Cefic, Brussels**
- **Formed in December 2004**
 - **43 members (includes 39 companies & 4 trade associations)**

Mission

- **Value creation by sustainable competitiveness, growth and environmental performance of our members through -**
 - **achieving a level playing field globally**
 - **being the voice of the European Fine Chemicals Industry**
 - **promoting innovation**

EFCG Membership 2011

LARGE (11)

Albemarle, BASF, DSM, Evonik, ISP/Ashland, Lonza, Merck, Rhodia, SAFC, Solvay, Sumitomo.

MEDIUM (22)

AllessaChemie, AlzChem Trostberg, Borregaard, Bracco, Cerbios Pharma Derivados Quimicos, Dipharma, Dow Haltermann, Fabbrica Italiana Syntetici, Helsinn, Hovione, Isochem, Kemfine, PCAS, Raschig, Rohner, Saltigo, Schirm, Siegfried, Wacker, WeylChem.

SMALL (6)

Arran Chemical, Chemie Uetikon, Contract Chemicals, Pentagon, Robinson Bros, Seratec.

EFCG Association Members: (4 – 226 sites)

APIC 60 members: Aschimfarma 63, CPA 40, SICOS 63

What is a Fine Chemical?

Commodities → Fine Chemicals → Specialty/Consumer Chemicals

- **Single, pure, chemical substances**
- **Made to exacting specifications**
- **In multi-purpose plants by batch chemical or biotech processes**
- **Low volume (<1000 tpa), high price (>\$10/kg, often much higher)**
- **Few applications, often exclusive to one customer**
- **Sold for what they are not what they do**
- **“Building blocks”, “advanced intermediates”, “active ingredients”**
- **Customers: Pharma 60%, Agrochemical 20%, Rest 20%**
- **Market Value ~\$85 billion pa (~4% world chemical market)**

Typical Fine Chemical Manufacturing Operations

Large, Medium and Small companies

Customers = other chemical manufacturers, not consumers

- **Batch processes in limited campaigns**
- **Multi-product, multi-purpose, flexible plants**
- **Production, handling of small amounts (<100 tpa, often <<)**
- **Frequent product changes = frequent cleaning**
- **Flexible equipment needed**
 - charging, reactors, sampling, discharging, packaging
 - substance hazards and hence OSH requirements vary
- **No fully closed systems! (ECHA Dec 10 Guidance)**
 - need specific equipment/process design
 - inflexible, difficult to clean, slow product changeovers
 - high operating costs, non-competitive!

Fine Chemicals – REACH

- **Registrations:**

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|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2010: | >1000 tpa | few by definition |
| 2013: | >100-1000 tpa | many, not pharma |
| 2018: | >1-100 tpa, | many, mostly pharma |

- **Substances are either Intermediates or other**
- **Most supplied to a few professional customers, esp. pharma and agro, who already know substance properties, for end uses covered by existing, non-REACH regulation**
- **Intermediates: no CSA required = most FC companies**
- **Others: must be registered - CSA/CSR/ES required**
 - **customers mostly known, but some unknown**

Fine Chemicals: REACH registration timetable for 2013

From 3Q11 → 1Q12

- **Substance ID, Data sharing, Hazard data**

From 4Q11 → 2Q12

- **Check own uses**
- **Check customer uses**

From 2Q12 → 4Q12

- **Prepare CSA/CSR/ES as needed**

From 1Q13 → 2Q13

- **Complete registration**

Fine Chemicals - All Company Issues → 2013

- Intermediates/SCC: ECHA Dec 2010 Guidance (**expensive/critical**)
- Update requirements for SDS Art.31(9)
- Checking own and customer's uses
- ES preparation in good time is dependent upon:-
 - Supply chain issues = dialogue with customers
- **Main Issues are:**
 - Customer lack of knowledge about specific uses
 - Customer confidentiality of key information
 - Lack of in-house expertise to do assessments
 - Selection of outsource expertise where needed
 - Relatively high impact on costs

Fine Chemicals: Extra SME issues → 2013

- Intermediates/SCC: ECHA Dec 2010 Guidance (**critical!**)
- ES preparation in good time (**much more difficult**)
- Much less in-house resource than large company
 - Typically 10 - 250 staff, < €50m sales
 - Less experience with REACH
 - Trying to cover legal matters alone
 - More substances
 - No expert knowledge available
 - No foreign language capability
 - Not a member of an association
 - Costs of external resource

EFCG Position - 2013 deadline

- **All members recognise their obligations and are addressing them**
- **Only large company members have enough in-house knowledge, expertise and resources, but still must outsource**
- **All members know where to go to get the expertise and support they need**
- **Our 6 SMEs face the biggest challenge, like all non-EFCG SMEs**
- **EFCG unable to provide direct support for members but will help with guidance and networking as needed**

Fine Chemicals - What support is needed?

1. Pragmatism on ECHA Intermediate/SCC Guidance

- Even big companies have problems
- Huge extra workload / cost for no improvement in H&S!
- ECHA definition not in legal text
- Flexibility needed at local inspector level

2. Education, Education, Education!

- Raise awareness at company level – “ActNow2103”
 - Need for engagement with what is needed and by when
 - Registration requirements → prepare detailed action plan
 - Sharing of best practice and knowledge sources
- Supply chain communication - raise awareness at DU levels
 - How to get dialogue with customers?
- Support available from ECHA, Cefic and other service providers