

Quality of Registrations and dissemination of information

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Before REACH

- Lack of knowledge about properties and uses;
- Risk assessment process slow and burdensome;
- Inappropriate allocation of responsibilities
- Scarce information about the exposure
- Lengthy decisions about testing.

REACH goals

- Close the knowledge gap on chemicals
- Make industry responsible for safety
- Provide full information to the public
- A more transparent regulatory system

REACH reality

- Regulatory system more transparent
- More information available to the public
- Low levels of compliance
- Lack of incentives to comply
- Knowledge gap not assessed yet

Role of dissemination

- Improve information on the safety of substances
- Enable citizens to make informed choices;
- Create pressure on industry to develop substitutes
- Increase participation in decision making
- Submit complaints on non-compliant dossiers
- Allow scientists to scrutinize information provided

Key information to access

- Administrative info about registrations;
- Information on quantities (bands) by company
- Information about uses
- Information about uses in consumers' products
- Exposure information and exposure scenarios

Conclusions

- Dissemination gives incentives for compliance:
 - Impacts reputation;
 - Increases monitorability of compliance
 - Gives citizens the right to chose
 - Improves the quality of the information

Thank you!

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