

Promoting data quality through dialogue

Workshop on Substance Brief Profiles

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Context

- Increased interest toward information on chemicals due to ICBP's user friendliness and readability;
- Aggregation of information highlights inconsistencies;
- Likely to result in an increase call for information's quality improvement;
- If no actions are taken to address the needs and concerns of stakeholders, trust in the safe use of chemicals could be undermined.

Existing tools

- Comments can be provided by third parties / data providers to ECHA (through Pre-registered substance page (REACH Art. 41(6)))
- Co-Registrants contact details available in REACH-IT
- C&L Platform available to discuss the classification and labelling

These tools address specific concerns and needs and would not be efficient ways to communicate issues in context of brief profiles.

New communication channel

- A solution could be to enable a platform that facilitates a direct communication channel between third parties and registrants / notifiers monitored by ECHA (applying some level of moderation).
- This would constitute a more efficient channel for information flow, thus also promoting data quality improvement.
- The need for a new communication channel was also emphasised during the previous workshop on Brief Profiles.

Approach

What issues could be considered

Structured dialogue
Features and
Functionalities



Structured dialogue

- Interactive webforms with right questions and minimum information requirements to promote relevant contributions
 - Structuring the feedback would also facilitate processing of information and increase efficiency

Example

+ Safety Classification and Labelling

- select -
- Classification inconsistent with scientific data available in dossiers
- Incomplete information about the C&L
- Inconsistent information about the C&L
- Incorrect information about the classification and/or labelling
- I have relevant scientific information about the substance
- There is relevant scientific public information about the substance

This comment is about*:

In case of "Classification inconsistent with scientific data available in dossier", please indicate:

Classification in question*:

Name of scientific section in dossier*:

Comment*:

Should other classification be proposed*?:

If yes, please provide further details:

Proposed classification*:

Based on the endpoint:

Study result type:

Scientific information*:

(Value/conclusion and reference to registered dossier or to an external source)

Bibliographic reference (if applicable):

Study type:

Add new reference

Add new comment on safety C&L

Examples

+ About this Substance

This comment relates with sub-section*:

Product Categories

It is about*:

Incorrect/inappropriate substance uses reported considering the classification

Comment*:

(please include relevant scientific and/or legal references)

Bibliographic reference (if applicable):

Study type:

Add new reference

**Add new comment about
this substance**

Examples

+ Scientific Data

This comment relates with sub-section*:

It is about*:

Name of the property / endpoint you are

Dose Descriptor (if relevant):

Comment*:

(please include relevant scientific and/or legal references)

Bibliographic reference (if applicable):

Study type:

**Add new comment on
Scientific Data**

Add new reference

Features and functionalities to consider

- The solution to implement should be simple.

Things to observe:

- **Registration** - what is required to submit a comment?
- **Notification** - how should a comment be notified?
- **Publication** - Where and how should comments be published?
And replies?
- **Anonymity** - contact details confidential

Advantages of an improved communication channel

- More efficient exchange of information and informal communication on data inconsistencies / incompleteness;
- Improved visibility and trust by society (openness);
- Increased knowledge on substances (up-to-date research data put aware easily).

**leading to an improvement of
data quality**

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