

Brief Profiles of Substances

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REACH Recital 117

"EU citizens should have access to information about chemicals to which they may be exposed, in order to allow them to make informed decisions about their use of chemicals"



Recap on Dissemination

- Project started in 2008
 - Priority on REACH-IT to ensure (pre-) registration
- Pre-registration list published in 2008
- First registration dossiers published in 2009
 - In-house development
 - Relied on IUCLID for the format of the published dossier
 - Limited search functionality (Substance identity)
 - Search on properties done on OECD eChemPortal (project started in 2004, co-managed by ECHA and OECD)
 - Dissemination portal enhanced overtime, with a first approach on integrating information from different REACH & CLP processes (intermediate page summarising available information)

MB Advisory Group on Dissemination

- Set up in 2009
- Mandate
 - monitor the progress made on dissemination and other publication on the Agency's website of information on chemical substances
 - assist the ECHA management by giving advice when needed
 - act as "ambassadors" to civil society, in particular by reporting back to their respective stakeholders (and raising awareness)
 - report to the Management Board on its activities
- Major achievements
 - Policy on setting criteria for assessing the confidentiality requests
 - Enlarge the scope of the information disseminated under article 119(2)(d) (Safety data sheet (SDS) information)

State of play

- ECHA Dissemination website to become the biggest public regulatory database on chemicals
 - Dissemination Roadmap of 2011 implemented as planned
 - Vast majority of dossiers published (some remaining NONS)
 - Search extended to company names, tonnages, uses, date of update, etc.
 - Time to publication reduced
 - Information available on biocides published immediately when Biocides operations started in Sep 2013
- Now time to simplify access to data and make the information more useful to end-users, including the public at large

State of play

- Stakeholders' engagement further increased
 - Feedback and requirements already collected in 2013
- Further consultation today on "Brief profiles of substances"
 - Tiered access to the data: from the simplest view to the full dossier – what is useful in each tier?
 - Information must be understandable but also useful for using/verifying the data
 - Break-out group format to facilitate in-depth discussion

Next steps

- Time granted for providing additional feedback after the meeting
- Feedback will be the basis for IT development
- Additional workshop planned in 2014 for further discussion on the functionality of the revamped dissemination website and update on progress
- Launch of the revamped Dissemination pages planned for 2015

Thank you

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