A key policy objective of the REACH regulation is to encourage the substitution of chemicals of concern by less hazardous alternative substances or processes. This page describes the regulatory risk management processes in REACH and CLP that support that policy.

**WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR A COMPANY THAT USES CHEMICALS?**

- Know the regulatory status and be proactive in preparing for change and in promoting the safe use of chemicals onsite.
- Be aware of the impact this could have on your company’s operations.
- Contact your suppliers if necessary, to ensure they are aware and taking appropriate action.
- Investigate substituting any chemicals of concern you use with safer alternatives.
- Participate in public consultations, to ensure that decisions are based on the best available information.
- Check that you use substances in line with any applicable restriction or authorisation.
- Apply for authorisation if your supplier does not apply or include your use but you need to continue using the substance.
- If you produce or import articles, you have obligations if an SVHC on the Candidate List is incorporated into those articles. At concentrations above 0.1% (w/w), inform customers regarding safe use and, if required, notify ECHA.
WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ...about CHEMICALS OF CONCERN?

• For information on how chemicals of concern are addressed, see http://echa.europa.eu/addressing-chemicals-of-concern

• For ideas on substitution: http://www.echa.europa.eu/regulations/substituting-hazardous-chemicals

• For a perspective on the role chemicals play in our lives: http://www.echa.europa.eu/chemicals-in-our-life

• For a presentation you can use on chemicals of concern: http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/reach/downstream-users/presentations-for-downstream-users