

## ENES8 working session on use maps

This working session had as an objective to identify any open points that need verification regarding the sector use maps, and to discuss how this verification could be organised. The draft use maps template and guidance had been sent as background material together with some ideas for discussion points (available on the ENES8 webpage for Session A).

The session started with an introduction followed by discussions which took place in four different breakout groups. During the break-out groups, different issues were raised including practical limitations /potential issues in using the template.

The discussions from the different groups were reported in plenary. The slides summarising the feedback are available for the working session on the ENES8 webpage.

The main conclusions were the following:

- The concept of use maps is appreciated by industry as the most efficient way to report use information to registrants; however, clear signals from registrants are needed to ensure that the development of use maps by downstream users' sector associations is valuable to support/improve their REACH chemical safety assessment.
- Industry would like to avoid doing the work several times or in separate stages. Consequently stability in the format without continuous revision is needed as a prerequisite. Some participants even indicated that they will only start to work with the finalised template.
- There is a difference between sectors that had already developed use maps for past REACH registrations and those that will have to do it for the first time. The latter will need more support.
- A few points still need clarification. The publication of the template should include the guidance but further support should be in place such as a webinar, particularly for sectors that are developing use maps for the first time.
- Chesar was found to be a very useful tool which could support the implementation of use maps, particularly in terms of their maintenance and the ability to import use map information into IT tools like IUCLID.
- Some (limited) verification can be done and will be useful. Some topics to verify:
  - o sectors to fill in the template with few uses
  - o associations that have generated SpERCs and SCEDs to try to link them to the corresponding activities via use maps, etc.
  - o selection of relevant uses by registrants
- Although some elements of the use maps concept are still under development (e.g. SpERCs and SWEDs format), the template for an improved use maps can be published after the limited verification. Comments on the current format after modifications from the first testing phase may also be provided.
- Uses common across sectors e.g. transfer operations, might benefit from harmonised definition across sectors.
- ECHA should continue to encourage industry to generate and implement use maps as a way to improve the use and exposure information in the REACH registration dossiers as well as to facilitate downstream users to meet their obligations when they receive exposure scenarios (ESs).

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- Downstream user sectors expressed that registrants need to confirm if use maps include the information they would need/like to see in a sector use map.
- There is a need to ensure a smooth transition from applying earlier versions to the new template (e.g. old codes to be retained together with new).
- A central repository of all available use maps was considered to be very useful.