

## JOINT STATEMENT

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With the completion of the third registration deadline, REACH now regulates all chemicals on the EU market.

Recognising that the 2018 Commission General Report on REACH calls on all actors to further improve REACH implementation and, in particular, on industry and ECHA to further improve the safety information and its communication in the supply chain,

Acknowledging that the assessment of some substances or groups of substances has been scientifically challenging, and believing that early stage cooperation between industry and ECHA experts will contribute to this further improvement,

In this context of co-operation:

### **Cefic will:**

- Make further endeavours to promote a gradual and planned improvement of the compliance, quality and understanding of the registration dossiers.
- Indicate to ECHA when a substance or group of substances is expected to create scientific or technical challenges which would benefit from discussion among substance experts.
- Organise scientific and technical industry experts to discuss the critical issues.

### **ECHA will:**

- Indicate to industry when a substance or group of substances is expected to present particular scientific or technical challenges which would benefit from discussion among substance experts.
- Facilitate bringing together industry experts, organised by Cefic and ECHA experts, to discuss the critical issues in advance of the regulatory decision or opinion making.
- Provide feedback to industry how to further improve the quality of dossiers whilst recognising when dossiers are of high quality.

### **Cefic and ECHA will:**

- Work together to further improve the means of communication of safety information in the supply chain.
- Agree on the identification of specific substances or groups of substances which require discussion on critical issues.

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