Closing remarks
Safer Chemicals – ECHA Conference
22 May 2019

Jukka Malm
Deputy Executive Director
European Chemicals Agency
Compliance – taking home

• Improved & more systematic priority setting
  • Focus on grouping, improved consistency & transparency
  • Still hampered by unreliable & lack of data
• Compliant data is foundation for the safe use
• About 25% of substances over 1000 tpa checked, but need to intensify the work
  • Industry actions and commitments ramping up
  • Industry expects clarity on what is needed to comply
  • Concerns from NGO’s – confidence in the system, call for more transparency

• Next step: ECHA-Commission action plan to improve compliance published over the summer
Substances of concern – taking home

- Considerable experience gathered on restriction and authorisation over 10 years
  - Have lead to both substitution and reduced exposure
- Concerns about **efficiency** and **workability** of the process remain – **improvements ongoing**
  - Including enforceability and practical enforcement
- High profile dossier on **microplastics** in the process
  - Breaking new ground – industry calls for clarity
  - Your contribution needed - it can make a difference
- Active communication and promotion about **substitution** still needed
  - Move from reactive to proactive innovation

**Next steps:**
- Integrated approach, priority setting and grouping, evaluation to feed in cases for risk management
- Analysis of the recent AfA court case ongoing

echa.europa.eu
Safe use – taking home

• Safe use – essence of REACH and CLP!
  • Long standing cooperation between authorities and industry on methods and tools
  • Implementation of REACH Review actions ongoing
  • Make sure investment in dossier compliance is also capitalised for supply chain communication
  • Circular economy – increased use of secondary raw materials

• Synergies and efficiencies via cooperation
  • Reaching out for wider audiences, incl SMEs

• Next steps:
  • Improved integration between processes and players
  • Further clarifying chemicals/products/waste interface
  • ECHA ‘SCIP database’ under waste framework directive
• ECHA strategic priorities 2019-2023...

• ...contribute to meeting the sustainable development goals
Let us know your feedback

slido.com → #SaferChemicals
Thank you for joining us today and see you at our next event!