R4BP 3.11 and SPC Editor 2.2 release note

Below you can find the new functionalities in R4BP 3 and SPC Editor.

Features relevant to industry and authorities

SPC Editor enhancements

- The 'Compare SPC' function has been enhanced to support the upload and comparison of two SPCs on the same screen. The capacity of spotting differences between the content of free text fields has also been improved. An additional comparison overview function has been added to better support the identification of the differences between structure and content of two product family SPCs.

Improved communication/notification

- A warning message will now be displayed to an applicant trying to submit an application for national authorisation or for mutual recognition in parallel or in sequence for a product which already exists in the same market area. The system will also send a message to the relevant national competent authority to alert them on the possible application.

Improved search and display

- The search filters and results for tasks, messages, cases and assets are now preserved and displayed until the user logs out from the session. A 'Clear' button has been made available to reset the filters during the ongoing session. As a consequence, the browser 'Back' button can be freely used to navigate between the different tabs.

- The drop-down menu that appears when uploading documents will now allow the user to select the option 'Document III-A'.

Improved error messages

- From now on, when the system closes the session unexpectedly due to an internal error, the user will be shown a specific code in the resulting error message. Providing this code to ECHA's Helpdesk (using the 'Copy the error information' button and pasting the information into the contact form) will help ECHA in assessing the issue, possibly speeding up its resolution.

- Several other error messages prompted by R4BP 3 have been improved to facilitate the quick identification of the source of the error and to propose a possible solution.

Improved workflows

- When finalising the case decision task, the Commission will now be able to report to which Member States a Union authorisation is applicable or not.

Features relevant to industry

Save draft applications not yet submitted

- A new functionality has been made available to enable the user to save an application as a draft and amend it multiple times before officially submitting it. A new page has been created to manage all saved applications.

Improved display

- A 'breadcrumb' functionality has been introduced in all industry application wizards. This will let applicants know which step of the application process they are at and what the remaining steps are before conclusion.

- A new validation message has been introduced in the application wizards of the relevant case types to automatically inform the user on whether the input of the reference case or asset number has been successful.

- The user interface has been enhanced by increasing text font size and changing the background colour to increase the readability of the help text boxes.

Features relevant to authorities

Improved communications/notifications

- Authority users can now receive email notifications by adding the relevant email address to the 'Manage e-mail notifications' page. Automatic emails will be sent by the system when specific events occur, e.g. when a reference competent authority approves its case in grouped mutual recognitions, or when a reference case is cancelled or a case is withdrawn.

- Authorities will also receive automatic messages in their R4BP 3 inbox when the case owner withdraws from a case they are working on. When the applicant withdraws from a case that functions as the reference for other related cases, R4BP 3 will generate messages for the competent authorities of the reference and concerned cases.

Improved search and display

- It is now possible to search for reference cases and assets in the context of grouped mutual recognitions, changes and renewals. A new 'Reference' check box is now provided for filtering the results of the search.

- An extra column has been added to case and asset search results to display the product type information for products and active substances.

Improved data management

- It is now possible to change the access level of documents uploaded through tasks or ad hoc communications in a case. This option will be available only to the authority that uploaded the document, and can be used any point in time while the case is still ongoing. Executing the action will result in the event being logged under the 'Events history' tab.

New case types

- **EE-APP**: This process has been made available to support the need of EEA countries (Iceland and Norway) and Switzerland to report in R4BP 3 (and ultimately disseminate) the legal act implementing a Union authorisation in their own legislation. Triggered automatically when a Union authorisation is approved, it leads to the creation of different assets in Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

- **EE-AAT**: This process enables the amendment of the information reported in any of the assets created with EE-AAP.