

Exchange of views with the Vice-Chair of the Forum

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Key messages

- The Forum is preparing its next Multi-annual Action Programme outlining its enforcement priorities and actions for the years 2019-2023.
- The Management Board Chair seeks to have an exchange of views with the Forum Vice-Chair on the enforcement priorities drafted by the Forum.

Background

This document introduces the exchange of views between the Vice-Chair of the Forum coordinating the preparation of its Work Programme 2019-2023 and the Management Board with regard to identifying the enforcement priorities for this forthcoming period. Following the request expressed on the occasion of the MB-49 to provide suggestions for determining the enforcement priorities for the years after 2019, the Forum Working Group "Work Programme 2019-2023" has examined the recommendations received and proposed a set of high level enforcement priorities, which the Forum will consider at its June meeting. The Vice-Chair of the Forum will present the draft priorities and the activities included in the draft Forum Work Programme.

The proposed crosscutting priorities will focus on the enforcement of obligations regarding the import of chemicals as well as target online sales. Co-operation with customs authorities should become a routine part of the control of imported chemicals. The Forum recognises that breaching regulations in online sales of chemicals is an emerging issue.

With respect to REACH, the Forum will continue routine checks of substance registrations to ensure that all companies that must register have done so. Enforcement should also force those that have not done so into compliance. Shifting its attention to regulatory risk management measures under REACH (Restriction, Authorisation and safe use information in supply chain), the Forum will increasingly focus on enforcing their implementation.

With regard to CLP, the Forum will put pressure on complying with duties that will ensure safe use by consumers, such as appropriate labelling. Furthermore, the Forum will also focus on exploring and enforcing the new provisions on notifying data about mixtures to the national poison centres, as these provisions stipulate major efforts by Downstream Users.

The Forum is currently conducting a PIC pilot project. Inspections of PIC duties will become part of the NEA's enforcement routine. Concerning BPR, the BPRS will, in addition to addressing treated articles, focus on the use of active substances in biocidal products.

Rationale

The exchange of views is intended as an opportunity to explain the plans of the Forum and to inform on how the Working Group has tackled the feedback received, in particular from the Management Board members. The exchange will give the Management Board members the opportunity to ask questions and to discuss the proposed enforcement priorities.

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