

## Status of the follow-up of the REACH Review actions

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### Key messages

The Management Board is invited to take note of a status report of the actions related to the REACH review and to the evaluation of ECHA, which will be kept up-to-date in order to reflect the status of the follow-up.

- The Commission published on 5 March 2018 the second General Report on the operation of REACH (REACH review), which also included the outcome of the second evaluation of ECHA as the central agency implementing REACH. The specific follow-up to the evaluation of ECHA is a task of the Management Board.
- The follow-up to the REACH review and the evaluation of ECHA will be discussed at the Management Board on a regular basis. The Commission's findings will also be taken into account when preparing the next update(s) of the ECHA Programming Document for written consultation in October.

### Background

The Commission published on 5 March 2018 the second General Report on the operation of REACH (REACH review), which also included the outcome of the second evaluation of ECHA as the central agency implementing REACH.

Further to its publication, the following events have taken place:

- The Management Board discussed the report in its meeting of March 2018
- The European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) held an exchange of views with the Commission on 12 April on the REACH review.
- A technical workshop took place on 3 May in Helsinki with the Commission services (DG ENV and GROW) to discuss the depth and implications of the recommendations and actions.
- The follow-up process was discussed during the regular video conference between ECHA and the Commission on 19 April.
- The Management Board discussed the follow-up actions at a workshop on 20 June in light of the development of ECHA's strategy.
- The Commission organised a public conference on 11 June to discuss the outcomes and follow-up actions of the REACH review with the European Parliament, Member States and stakeholders.
- Member States and stakeholders discussed a number of the REACH review actions and the foreseen follow-up actions at CARACAL on 27 June.

## Rationale

In line with the Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised agencies, agreed between the Commission, Parliament and Council in 2012, the ECHA secretariat prepared a status report highlighting the status related to the follow-up of the REACH review and the evaluation of ECHA.

In this light, the specific follow-up to the evaluation of ECHA is a task of the Management Board. Therefore, the follow-up to the REACH review and the evaluation of ECHA will be discussed at the Management Board on a regular basis. The Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised agencies also foresees that "Multi-annual work programmes should include the actions necessary to respond to the outcome of overall evaluations", so the follow-up actions to the REACH review and ECHA evaluation will be reflected in the updated ECHA Planning Document (s). An orientation debate on the Programming Documents is foreseen under agenda item B.6c and a written consultation of the Management Board will be organised in October.

## Upcoming milestones

- The ECHA Secretariat will make the necessary adjustments to the Planning Document 2019-2023.
- Member States and stakeholders will discuss the status of the follow-up to the REACH review actions at CARACAL on 21-22 November 2018. The Commission will present an overview of the implementation of the follow-up actions. Besides the overview, CARACAL will cover the following actions for the first time, with specific discussions: Action 3 (Improving the workability and quality of extended Safety Data Sheets), Action 4 (Tracking substances of concern in the supply chain), Action 7 (Early socio-economic information for possible regulatory measures), Action 11 (Interplay between authorisation and restriction) and Action 12 (Interface REACH and OSH legislation).
- The Management Board will adopt the Planning Document 2019-2023 in December 2018. The document will include references to follow-up actions to REACH Review.

## Attachments:

- Annex 1: Status report on the follow-up to the REACH review actions
- Annex 2: Status report on the follow-up to the ECHA review actions

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