Event: **Workshop "Making the most out of the CSR information on use, exposure and risk"**
Date/location: **22-23 October 2013 at ECHA, Helsinki, Finland**
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Objectives

The aim of this workshop was to increase the common understanding among stakeholders on the purpose and utilisation of the different information elements in the CSR, in particular information on volumes, uses and exposure. Such common understanding is the prerequisite to develop (i) broadly accepted quality criteria for the information content of the CSR and (ii) a harmonised data structure in order to support the efficient/consistent use of the information. The workshop was a kick-off event in aiming to facilitate achieving such common understanding. The workshop was also intended to serve as a step in the consultation for the further development of IUCLID and Chesar.

Participants

28 representatives from 16 Member States authorities and six participants from Cefic, CONCAWE and Eurométaux representing registrants attended the meeting, together with 15 ECHA staff. The Commission followed the event remotely.

Conclusions

There was consensus that certain pieces of the CSR information are crucial for the functioning of a number of processes under REACH, in particular prioritisation of substances for substance evaluation and identification of substances for further regulatory action such as harmonised classification or inclusion in the Candidate List of substances of very high concern for authorisation. These information elements were largely identified at the workshop together with some ideas on the most appropriate place where this information should be in IUCLID (if not already available in IUCLID 5.4), and in which format. Further clarification of content and format for some information types is still needed.

The benefits of having certain information extracted from the CSR into IUCLID in a structured way were recognised. In addition, it was noted that if information is to be used for mass IT screening, it needs to be present in all dossiers where it is relevant, otherwise mass-screening will not be done effectively. Furthermore, it was acknowledged that even though certain pieces of information may not be mandatory to provide, it can nevertheless be beneficial for industry to report them (when relevant) in order to provide authorities solid enough basis to rank them low for regulatory risk management actions.

The identified information elements need to be translated into specifications for the next round of development of the IT tools for REACH, that is, IUCLID version 6.1 and Chesar version 3. In addition, further guidance for registrants needs to be produced.

Next steps

A smaller working group, consisting of representatives of national authorities of France, the Netherlands and UK, as well as Cefic, CONCAWE, Eurométaux and ECHA will work on clarifying the remaining issues, preparing examples that illustrate how the information fields would look in practice e.g. in a CSR or in IUCLID and act as a contact point to develop the specifications and concept verification of the use and exposure related information types for IUCLID 6.1. This work will take place between November 2013 and June 2014. Others interested in this further work can volunteer to join this group by contacting ECHA via the Roadmap functional mailbox: csr-es-roadmap@echa.europa.eu.