

The European Sustainable Chemicals Management Conference 2011

Finding the Regulatory Balance

31st May & 1st June 2011

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Finding the Regulatory Balance

The Conference aims to present a critique of current European legislation, and to explore how it can be improved to provide a high level of public and environmental protection, without stunting the growth of the European Chemicals Industry.

Day One - 31st May

08.30 - 09.00 Welcome coffee & delegate registration

Session 1

Keynote Presentations

09:00 - 09:25

Keynote Presentation - The view from the Commission

Heinz Zourek, Director General, DG ENTR, European Commission

09:25 - 09:50

Keynote Presentation

Geert Dancet, Executive Director, European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

09:50 - 10:15

Keynote Presentation

Hubert Mandery, Director General, Cefic

10.15 - 10.40 Morning Break

Session 2

Reach: where are we now, and what are the next steps?

Last November saw the first registration deadline for phase-in substances, and the completion of the first phase of REACH. With this initial major deadline now passed, what lessons can be learnt from experiences to date? How has the registration process (including SIEFS) worked in practice, and where do improvements need to be made? How many registration dossiers were submitted, and how do these actual figures compare to the forecasts? Looking more broadly, what have the overall implications of REACH been so far for industry and for downstream users? To what extent has it been successful in meeting its objectives of improving chemical safety and the competitiveness of industry? Has it been a useful tool in enabling industry to improve its reputation and gain the trust of the market and the public, or is further action needed? What challenges lie ahead for both industry and policy makers?

10:40 - 10:55

Experiences of the registration process, and thoughts going forward to 2013

Leo Appelman, Managing Director, ReachCentrum

10:55 - 11:10

Evaluation of REACH to date and the next steps

- A retailers view

Katarina Maaskant, Manager, EU Affairs, IKEA

11:10 - 12:30

Panel discussion:

Geert Dancet, Executive Director, European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

Leo Appelman, Managing Director, ReachCentrum

Katrina Maaskant, Manager, EU affairs, IKEA

Representative, BUND (tbc)

Representative, Industry (tbc)

12.30 - 13.45 Lunch Break

Session 3

Has reach gone far enough? - Chemical cocktails and endocrine disruptors

The Commission has announced plans to adapt legislation to take 'chemical cocktails' into account, but how should this response be framed and what will be the challenges be? Are there additional risks to the health and safety of European employees who are exposed to chemical cocktails, and what should the response be? Has the Community Strategy for Endocrine Disruptors been adhered to and what conclusions has the Commission reached during their research? What is industry doing to protect end users and how should the issue of endocrine disruptors be dealt with going forward?

Chair:

Axel Singhofen, Adviser on Health and Environment Policy, Greens/EFA, European Parliament

13:45 - 14:00

Chemical Cocktails & Endocrine Disruptors

Patrick Murphy, Policy Officer - REACH, endocrine disruptors and mixture toxicity, Chemicals & Nanomaterials, DG Environment, European Commission

14:00 - 15:25

Panel Discussion

Patrick Murphy, Policy Officer - REACH, endocrine disruptors and mixture toxicity , Chemicals & Nanomaterials, DG Environment, European Commission

Environment, European Commission

Erwin Annys, Director, REACH, Cefic

Ellen Dhein, Governmental and Product Affairs, Bayer

Lisette van Vliet, Toxics Policy Advisor, Health and Environment Alliance

Representative, Ministry of the Environment, Denmark (tbc)

15.25 - 15.50 **Afternoon Coffee Break**

Session 4

Substances of 'very high concern'

Why is the SIN list so much longer than the 'Very High Concern' list? The CARACAL sub-committee is trying to prescan chemicals to speed up the process within Member States – will this help identify the most harmful substances quicker? Will this be addressed in the upcoming reviews? How are downstream users using these lists?

15:50 - 16:05

Presentation

Fulvia Raffaelli, Deputy Head of Unit G1, Chemicals - REACH, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

16:05 - 17:30

Panel Discussion

Fulvia Raffaelli, Deputy Head of Unit G1, Chemicals - REACH, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

Dr Kevin Bradley, President, Nickel Institute

Tony Musu, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation

Jerker Ligthart, Project Coordinator, ChemSec

Representative, DEFRA (tbc)

Representative, Industry (tbc)

17.30 **End of Day One**

Day Two - 1st June

08.30 - 09.00 **Welcome Coffee**

Chair:

Cándido García Molyneux, Of Counsel, Covington and Burling LLP

Session 5

Innovation vs. Protection - regulating nanomaterials

With expectations that the European Commission Action Plan on Environment and Health will include the challenge of nanotechnology and nanomaterials as one of its priorities, and following the call by MEP's for increased stricter rules on nanomaterials, how should nanoproducts be regulated? Should mandatory labelling of nanomaterials in consumer products be introduced, and what would the implications of this be?

09:25 - 10:50

Panel Discussion

Carl Schlyter, Member, European Parliament

Representative, Product Safety, DG SANCO, European Commission (tbc)

Martin Kayser, Senior Vice President, Product Safety, BASF

Steffi Friedrichs, Director General, Nanotechnology Industries Association

Vito Buonsante, Health and Environment Lawyer, ClientEarth

10.50 - 11.10 **Morning Coffee Break**

Session 6

Balancing innovation, regulation & competitiveness

How will REACH impact on innovation and competitiveness within the European chemicals industry? Is there a contradiction between these challenges, and how can this be resolved? What are the direct costs of this regulation, and how will distribution costs in the value chain be changed? Have SME's been disproportionately affected? How has the European market been affected, and is the burden on industry fair? What role can innovation in the area of 'Green Chemistry' play in ensuring the continued competitiveness and sustainability of the chemicals industry in Europe?

11:10 - 11:25

Presentation

Graham Willmott, Head of Unit, Chemicals - REACH, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

11:25 - 12:50

Panel Discussion

Graham Willmott, Head of Unit, Chemicals - REACH, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

René van Sloten, Executive Director - Industrial Policy, Cefic

Christian Schaible, Policy Officer: Chemicals and Industry Policy, European Environmental Bureau

Lena Ek, Member, European Parliament

Representative, Ministry of the Environment, Austria (tbc)

Session 7

Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

With the notification of substances under the new CLP Regulation coming into force, and the classification of substances according to the Dangerous Substance Directive (DSD) rules continuing until 1 June 2015, what will the impact of these major changes be? The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), it is argued, will facilitate global trade, harmonize the communication of hazard information and promote regulatory efficiency. Does the European CLP legislation meet these aims? Is a 2015 deadline on classifying mixtures too late?

Chair:

Mamta Patel, Editor, ChemicalWatch

14:00 - 14:15

What are the legal obligations set out by CLP?

Amalia Sartori, MEP and former CLP Rapporteur (tbc)

14:15 - 14:30

How does CLP fit with GHS?

Dr. Marie-Noëlle Blaude, Regulatory Toxicologist, Scientific Institute of Public Health, United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonised System

14:30 - 14:45

Is CLP enough to protect the public and the environment?

Sylvia Maurer, Safety and Environment Senior Policy Officer, BEUC

14.45 - 15.15 **General Discussion**

15.15 - 15.40 **Afternoon Coffee Break**

Session 8

The global context - how reach compares to other chemical policies

Should REACH be a global model for chemical policy? The 2002 Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development set out aims to produce and use chemicals in ways that minimize adverse affects on the environment and human health by 2020, is REACH contributing to this? How does REACH need to improve the supply chain information in order to be as successful as possible? What are the biggest international challenges in implementing effective instruments and processes for the sound management of chemicals?

15:40 - 15:55

Could REACH be a global model?

David Piper, Deputy Head, Chemicals Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (tbc)

15:55 - 16:10

REACH and the Toxic Substances Control Act

Frank Lautenburg, United States Senator for New Jersey (tbc)

16:10 - 17:30

Panel Discussion - International methods of chemical regulation

Shunmugam Ganesan, Vice President - Corporate, Excel Crop Care Ltd and Chairman of the International Treaties Expert Committee, Indian Chemical Council (tbc)

Martina Bianchini, Vice President EU Government Affairs and Public Policy, Dow Chemicals (tbc)

David Piper, Deputy Head, Chemicals Branch, United Nations Environment Programme (tbc)

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17.30 **End of Conference**

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ReachCentrum helps chemical manufacturers and importers to comply with all three aspects of the REACH legislation: dossier preparation for registration, and support through the phases of evaluation and authorisation by providing our main services, namely consortia and lead registrant support services, consultancy and workshops.

Our tools are designed for European and non-European companies working on their own or in close collaboration with other companies. This collaboration can be done in consortia or SIEF leadership teams. ReachCentrum helps to form, operate and maintain this relationship, with the focus on meeting the REACH registration deadlines in time in the most cost efficient way.

To become acquainted with the REACH requirements, ReachCentrum organises training courses, workshops and webinars. Our events help keep you up to date with REACH, its tools and its impacts on businesses, and bring you practical advice, ready to be implemented in your company.

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