The European Sustainable Chemicals Management Conference 2011
Finding the Regulatory Balance

31st May & 1st June 2011
The Management Centre Europe, Brussels

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Heinz Zourek, Director General, DG ENTR, European Commission
Geert Dancet, Executive Director, European Chemicals Agency
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Carl Schlyter, Member, European Parliament
Katarina Maaskant, Manager, EU Affairs, IKEA

Dr. Marie-Noëlle Blaude, Regulatory Toxiologist, UN Sub-Committee of experts on the GHS
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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

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
Katarina Maaskant, Manager, EU Affairs, IKEA
Representative, BUND (tbc)
Representative, Industry (tbc)

12.30 - 13.45  Lunch 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?

13:45 - 14:00  Chemical Cocktails & Endocrine Disrupters
Patrick Murphy, Policy Officer - REACH, endocrine disruptors and mixture toxicity, Chemicals & Nanomaterials, DG Environment, European Commission

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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?

15:00 - 15:25
Presentation
Fulvia Raffaelli, Deputy Head of Unit G1, Chemicals - REACH, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission

15:25 - 15:50  Afternoon Coffee Break

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?

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

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Panel Discussion
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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 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?

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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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