

SCIENTIFIC OFFICER – WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE; ref.: ECHA/SNE/2019/002

JOB DESCRIPTION:

ECHA is looking for a Seconded National Expert (SNE) to support its current and future work on the implementation of the revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), which was adopted to help prevent waste and, where this is not possible, significantly step up recycling of municipal and packaging waste.

The Directive gives ECHA the task to set up a database of articles that contain substances of very high concern (SVHCs) from the Candidate List. The database will contain information submitted by companies producing, importing or supplying articles that contain these substances. The primary users of the database are the waste treatment operators and consumers. The aim is to support to the reduction of hazardous substances in materials and products and to enable an enhanced recycling. This new task fits into the wider context of ECHA's activities in support to the establishment of a more circular economy, and in particular to the optimisation of the interfaces between the legislation on chemicals, products and waste.

The Seconded National Expert will be hosted in the Exposure and Supply Chain Unit, but will work within a cross-directorate project team which has been set up specifically to implement this new task for the Agency. The SNE will take part in one or several of the activities listed below:

- Supporting the project team in the development and roll-out of the SVHC database, including the definition of business requirements and the testing of initial solutions;
- Contributing to the development of systems for article identification and article categorisation;
- Contributing to the Agency efforts to ensure a harmonised transposition of the duty of article suppliers to submit data to the database at national level;
- Contributing to and/or carrying out internal and external training activities, capacity building and awareness-raising on the SVHC database;
- Contributing to ECHA's activities in the field of the knowledge, communication and management of substances in articles;
- Contributing to the activities of ECHA on circular economy and the chemicals-product-waste legislation interface.

REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Successful completion of a full course of university studies attested by a degree in a field relevant to the areas of work described in this call, where the normal duration of university education is three (3) or more years.

Experience: At least 3 (three) years of experience in scientific, technical or administrative fields in at least one of the following areas:

- Implementation or enforcement of waste legislation, in particular experience in national bodies responsible for waste management;
- Implementation or enforcement of risk management aspects of chemicals legislation at national level;
- EU/International co-operation in the field of chemicals risk management or circular economy;
- Development and implementation of product safety/sustainability schemes in industry and/or experience with complex supply-chain communication systems;

- Research and development for the implementation of a circular economy, for the development of risk management of articles along their lifecycle (including the waste stage) or for safer alternatives to substances of concern in products.