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Ten years of REACH related litigation



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Speakers¹:

	<p>Broere William ECHA, Senior Legal Advisor</p> <p>William Broere joined ECHA on 1 February 2008 and works as a senior legal adviser. His main responsibilities include advising the different operational units of ECHA on a variety of REACH issues (mainly authorisation and evaluation) and litigation (mainly defending the Agency's decisions before the European Court of Justice and ECHA's Board of Appeal). William is a qualified English solicitor. Before joining ECHA he worked as a senior associate at the Brussels offices of the law firms Lovells and Siméon Associés where he advised on EU regulatory issues and antitrust matters (1999-2008); he also worked in Brussels for the Korean embassy as a legal adviser where he mainly advised on EU law and WTO issues (1997-1999); degrees: LLM EU law (college of Europe, Bruges) and BA law with French (University of Sussex).</p>
	<p>Coulon Emmanuel General Court, Registrar of the General Court</p> <p>Born 1968; law studies (Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris); management studies (Université Paris Dauphine); College of Europe (1992); entrance examination for the Centre régional de formation à la profession d'avocat (regional training centre for the bar), Paris; certificate of admission to the Brussels Bar; practice as a lawyer in Brussels; successful candidate in an open competition for the Commission of the European Communities; Legal Secretary at the Court of First Instance (Chambers of the Presidents Mr Saggio (1996-98) and Mr Vesterdorf (1998-2002)); Head of Chambers of the President of the Court of First Instance (2003-05); Registrar of the General Court since 6 October 2005.</p>
	<p>Dancet Geert ECHA, Executive Director</p> <p>Geert Dancet became the first elected Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in January 2008. Under his leadership, the Agency successfully managed all regulatory processes of the REACH and CLP regulations. ECHA has become one of the largest regulatory agencies of the EU with over 500 staff members in charge of the EU chemicals legislations, including the new Biocidal Products and PIC regulations. His mandate was renewed in 2012 and will end on 31 December 2017.</p> <p>The Commission nominated him as interim Executive Director in January 2007 in order to set up the Agency in Helsinki as from 1 June 2007.</p> <p>From 2004 to 2007 he was the Head of the REACH Unit in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. The unit was co-responsible for taking the REACH proposal through the regulatory process in the Council and the European Parliament as well as for developing and coordinating the REACH implementation strategy, which included the preparations for the new Chemicals Agency.</p> <p>He first joined the European Commission in 1986 and worked for most of his Commission career in the competition policy field. Prior to working for the European Commission, Mr Dancet enjoyed a brief academic career in the University of Leuven (Belgium) and was a programme coordinator for the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in Colombia. He studied economics, econometrics and philosophy at the University of Leuven.</p>

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	<p>Dittrich Alfred General Court, Judge</p> <p>Born 1950; studied law at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (1970-75); Articled law clerk in the Nuremberg Higher Regional Court district (1975-78); Adviser at the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs (1978-82); Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Communities (1982); Adviser at the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, (1983-92); Head of the EU Law Section at the Federal Ministry of Justice (1992-2007); Agent of the Federal Government in a large number of cases before the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Judge at the General Court of the European Union since 17 September 2007. Reporting judge in Reach cases.</p>
	<p>Haukka Sari ECHA, Legally Qualified Member of the Board of Appeal</p> <p>Sari Haukka is a Finnish lawyer who has worked for more than 20 years in the European institutions.</p> <p>In 2007 she joined the European Chemicals Agency as part of the set-up team. She worked as the Registrar of the Board of Appeal from the establishment of the Registry until she began her new role as the legally qualified member of the Board of Appeal in November 2015.</p> <p>In addition, since 2011 she has acted as the alternate to the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (part-time function). Before joining ECHA, she worked from 1996 until 1998 in the European Commission. Between 1998 and 2007, she worked as a legal secretary at the General Court of the European Union in the Chambers of Judge Tiili.</p> <p>She obtained her Master of Laws and Licentiate of Laws from the University of Helsinki where she later worked as a researcher and teaching assistant. She has also completed her Court training at the District Court of Helsinki.</p>
	<p>Heikkilä Minna ECHA, Head of Legal Affairs</p> <p>Ms Heikkilä joined ECHA on 1 September 2007 and is the Head of Legal Affairs. Before joining ECHA she has been serving the European institutions for 15 years where her last position was in the REACH Unit in the Commission DG Enterprise and Industry.</p>
	<p>Kanninen Heikki General Court, Judge</p> <p>Born 1952; graduate of the Helsinki School of Economics and of the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki; Legal Secretary at the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland; General Secretary to the Committee for Reform of Legal Protection in Public Administration; Principal Administrator at the Supreme Administrative Court; General Secretary to the Committee for Reform of Administrative Litigation, Counsellor in the Legislative Drafting Department of the Ministry of Justice; Assistant Registrar at the EFTA Court; Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the European Communities; Judge at the Supreme Administrative Court (1998-2005); member of the Asylum Appeal Board; Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Development of the Finnish Courts; Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal from 6 October 2005 to 6 October 2009; Judge at the General Court since 7 October 2009; Vice-President of the General Court from 17 September 2013 to 19 September 2016.</p>

	<p>Malm Jukka ECHA, Deputy Executive Director</p> <p>Jukka Malm joined the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in September 2008 as the Director of Assessment with the main responsibility to build up the processes of evaluation and risk management.</p> <p>Since 2011 Mr Malm is leading the directorate of Regulatory Affairs, and was appointed as Deputy Executive Director in January 2014. He is responsible for the work of Scientific Committees of ECHA and for the Legal Affairs unit. In addition, he is coordinating the scientific activities of the agency.</p> <p>Mr Malm has been working in the field of chemicals legislation for over 25 years and has been involved in a wide range of activities related to the risk assessment and risk management of chemicals at the national, EU, and global level. Prior to working at the Agency he worked as the Director of Expert Services at the Finnish Environment Institute and was also the first chairman of the Management Board of ECHA.</p> <p>He holds a Master's degree in Agriculture and Forestry, specialising in Environmental Protection. Mr Malm is Finnish.</p>
	<p>McGuinness Sharon Chairperson of ECHA Management Board</p> <p>Her CV can be found on ECHA's website here.</p>
	<p>Meineke Christian Germany Member State Competent Authority</p> <p>Legal education in Göttingen/Geneva (leading to 1st Legal State Examination - Lower Saxony), Berkeley (LL.M.), Hamburg (2nd Legal State Examination) and Berlin/Kiel (Dr. jur.),</p> <p>1986-87 Attorney in Berlin (Law offices Raue, Malorny, Braeuer),</p> <p>1988-97 Legal advisor in the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Bonn, working in different fields of environmental legislation,</p> <p>1997-99 Head of the ministry's division responsible for noise control legislation, since 1999 Head of the ministry's division responsible for fundamental aspects of chemical safety and chemicals legislation (including i.a. the lead responsibility within the German Federal Government for the Council deliberations on REACH).</p>
	<p>Mifsud-Bonnici Ken European Commission, Member of Legal Services</p>
	<p>Navez Vincent European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)</p> <p>Vincent Navez is the Cefic Executive Director for Legal Affairs. Cefic (or the European Chemical Industry Council) is the EU trade association for the European chemical industry. After completing his studies in European and economic law in Belgium, he worked as Legal Advisor at the European Consumer Centre of Barcelona, working for the European Commission ECC-network. He joined Cefic in 2008 to deal with REACH legal interpretation and implementation. He became Director of the Cefic Legal department in 2013. He assumes the role of Executive Director of Legislation & Institutional Affairs Programme since July 2015. He is fluent in French, Spanish and English.</p>

	<p>Ortuño Sierra Mercedes ECHA, Chairman of the Board of Appeal</p> <p>Mercedes Ortuño Sierra is the Chairman of the Board of Appeal of the European Chemicals Agency since 2009. She presides over all appeals and, in particular, she is responsible for ensuring the quality and consistency of decisions of the Board of Appeal. Previously she was a legally qualified official of the Spanish public administration, serving several years in various positions of responsibility within the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, the Ministry of the Presidency and the Ministry of Justice, where she led and coordinated the Spanish justice affairs team during the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council in 2002. She has also been responsible for international affairs in an independent supervisory agency, the Spanish Data Protection Agency, where she led the negotiation for the Memorandum of Understanding agreed with the US Federal Trade Commission in 2005, on mutual enforcement assistance. She has participated as a legal expert in numerous programmes of the European Commission (TAIEX) involving candidate countries. She has been adjunct professor of comparative privacy laws (EU/US) at the Georgetown University Law Center.</p>
	<p>Švábý Daniel Court of Justice of the European Union, Judge</p> <p>Born 1951; Doctor of Laws (University of Bratislava); Judge at the District Court, Bratislava; Judge, Appeal Court, responsible for civil law cases, and Vice-President, Appeal Court, Bratislava; member of the Civil and Family Law Section at the Ministry of Justice Law Institute; acting Judge responsible for commercial law cases at the Supreme Court; member of the European Commission of Human Rights (Strasbourg); Judge at the Constitutional Court (2000-04); Judge at the Court of First Instance from 12 May 2004 to 6 October 2009; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.</p>
	<p>Van der Woude Marc General Court, Vice-president</p> <p>Mr van der Woude is the vice-president of the General Court of the European Union. He started his career as a tutor at the College of Europe in Bruges (1984-1986) and as a lecturer at Leiden University (1986-1987). He then joined the European institutions where he worked for DG Competition (1987-1989, 1992-1993), the European Court of Justice as a legal secretary (1989-1992) and the Commission's legal Service (1993-1995). He resigned from the European civil service to become a member of the Brussels bar, where he practiced European and competition law for fifteen years (1995-2010). Marc van der Woude became a professor in competition law at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam (since 2000) and acted four years as an advisor on energy policy for the Dutch government (2002-2006). Marc van der Woude is an author of numerous publications on European and competition law and still teaches at Rotterdam University.</p>
	<p>Wijmenga Jan The Netherlands Member State Competent Authority</p> <p>Jan Wijmenga (38) is senior advisor for chemical safety policy in the Environmental Safety & Risks directorate of the Dutch ministry for Infrastructure and the Environment. He serves as the Dutch member of ECHA's Member State Committee, which is tasked with resolving scientific differences of opinion between Member States and the Agency. Besides his activities on REACH-related matters, he is advising the minister on minimisation of the environmental impact of trade agreements and participates in the ministry's recently formed Brexit task force. Before joining the ES&R directorate, he was working on international air quality issues and served as aide to the vice-chairman of the European Parliament's ENVI committee.</p> <p>Jan Wijmenga studied Science & Policy at Utrecht University, with a major in International Environmental Law.</p>

Acronyms:

BoA	Board of Appeal, ECHA
Cefic	European Chemical Industry Council
COM	European Commission
ECJ	Court of Justice of the European Union
GC	General Court
LAU	Legal Affairs Unit, ECHA
MSCA	Members State Competent Authority