

Use of REACH/CLP information at industrial sites

Outcome of April Workshop and next steps

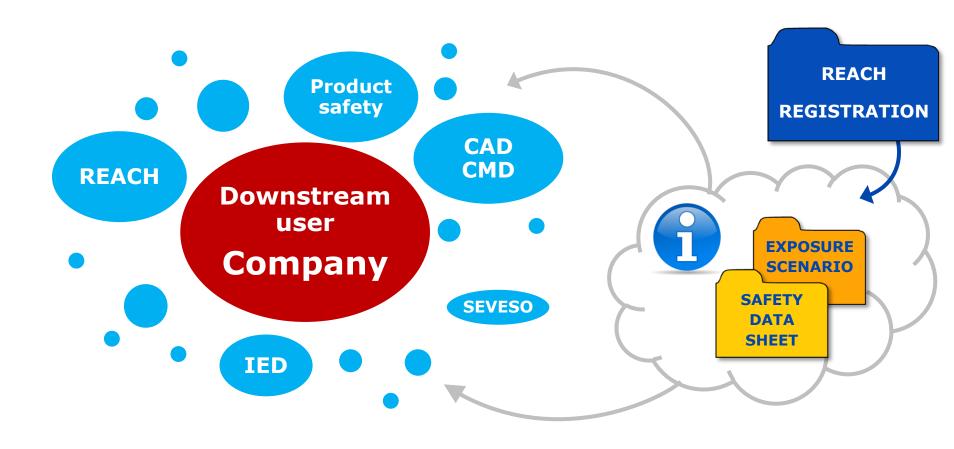
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#### Safe use of chemicals at industrial sites







## **Project**

Action area 5: Support to end-users

Explore possible efficiency gains through the use of REACH/CLP information to support compliance under other legislations

- Enhance common understanding of interactions
- Enhance information use, reduce unnecessary work
- Identify support needs and develop tools

Case study for illustration (ENES7), workshop for discussion

## FOCUS ON PRACTICAL ISSUES AT INDUSTRIAL SITES





## Workshop

- Use of REACH/CLP information at industrial sites, April 2015
- Industry authorities with knowledge of REACH/CLP, IED, CAD and CMD
- Key topics
  - Overview of the information that can be obtained from REACH/CLP
  - Experience to date from industry and authorities
  - Discussion of what information would be most beneficial to downstream users, where and how it could be used, based on a case study
- More information: ECHA>News and Events>Events





## **Workshop - initial conclusions**

- REACH Regulation is bringing new knowledge on the chemical substances used by industry
- Important to promote the use of REACH information and the alignment of REACH with other environmental and OSH legislation
- There are opportunities to use this knowledge to improve chemicals management throughout the supply chain
- Practical targeted guidance for industrial users / authorities would help





## **Information use – case study**

Exposure scenario	Information use
ES title (short title)	
1. Title section	Workplace risk assessment
ES/use name	
Scope	
2. Conditions of use affecting exposure	
2.1 Environment contributing scenario	Worker's training
	IED permit application
Product (article) characteristics	
Amount used, frequency and duration of use (or from service life)	Workplace risk assessment
Technical and organisational conditions and measures	IED permit application
Conditions and measures related to sewage treatment plant	
Conditions and measures related to treatment of waste (including article waste)	IED permit application
Other conditions affecting environmental exposure	
Additional good practice advice. Obligations according to Article 37(4) of REACH do not apply	
2.2 Worker contributing scenario	Workplace risk assessment
	Worker's training
Product characteristics	
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure	
Technical and organisational conditions and measures	
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation	
Other conditions affecting workers exposure	
Additional good practice advice. Obligations according to Article 37(4) of REACH do not apply	
3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source	
3.1 Environment contributing scenario	
3.2 Worker contributing scenario	
4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES	Workplace risk assessment





#### **Outcomes**

- Potential ways to use information
  - > Safe Work Instruction Cards
  - Seveso Directive safety reports
  - > IED baseline reports
- Barriers to information use
  - Different terminologies used in the different regimes
  - Traditional / Established working practices.
- Opportunities for greater cooperation and integration
  - Need for more cooperation acknowledged, REACH-OHS and REACH-IED
  - Examples of company approaches to integrate do exist





# Support needs, how to improve the use of REACH/CLP information?

- Cooperation to develop practical advice
  - > For registrants to provide more 'readable' SDS/ ES, and more suitable for other regulatory purposes
  - > For downstream users to easily recognize and process the REACH information useful to comply with other legislations
  - For enforcement authorities, in particular with respect to overlapping legislation
- Maybe a section on ECHA website devoted to inform industry on the efficient use of REACH/CLP data





## Next steps, actions, actors

- Workshop report on conclusions and follow-up
  - > We need partners to follow-up on ideas from this workshop.
  - ➤ Individuals with an interest in integration as part of their own work.
  - ➤ Ideas can feed into an on-going ECHA's EHS project and actions under CSR/ES Roadmap.
- Specific follow-up with OHS and IED in relation to REACH data
  - Dialogue on OHS and REACH is already taking place (ECHA / DG EMPL), REACH at work sites – OSH event?
  - Less clear how to carry this out in REACH and environment (ECHA / DG ENV / JRC)





### **Messages to ENES**

How can end users benefit most from the information provided?

- Do you see synergies with other ENES activities to support cross-legislative use of information?
- Can formulators further increase the usefulness of the information they provide to end-users?
- Interested in participating? → Action areas 5.1 and 5.2

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