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REACH-IT will be initially used for company sign-up and pre-registrations

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has published today information specifying how to sign up company in REACH-IT and how to submit pre-registrations of single substance via the REACH-IT portal to the Agency as of 1 June. Practical guidance is available in the updated REACH-IT section of the ECHA website.

Geert Dancet, Executive Director of ECHA, said that *“Our highest priority over the past 12 months has been to ensure that companies will be able to fulfil their obligations from 1 June this year. The launch of the REACH-IT portal on Saturday night is the most visible step in making ECHA operational”*.

The “REACH-IT” web section on the ECHA website has been upgraded to include practical advice on how a company can sign up, and how it can submit pre-registrations via the REACH-IT portal. The information leaflet Release 2 covers all relevant REACH processes and data submission steps. The leaflet can be downloaded from the ECHA website in PDF format.

Sign up/Account creation: The identification of the companies (legal entity name, contact detail and billing information) must be done online via the REACH-IT portal. Each company must sign-up and create an account in REACH-IT to receive a Universal Unique Identifier code (company UUID). This code is a pre-requisite for data submission to ECHA to ensure that all data submissions can be linked to the right company identity code in ECHA. It applies to pre-registration and the temporary procedures for PPORD notification, inquiry and registration.

Pre-registration: Data for a pre-registration of a single substance can be entered and submitted online via the REACH-IT portal. A pre-registration of several substances in one file (*bulk pre-registration*) will be available at a later stage.

For latest information companies are advised to check regularly the website of the Agency and to register for the ECHA news alerts, by sending their e-mail address to:

info@echa.europa.eu

Links:

Information leaflet Version 2 on data submission can be accessed at:

http://echa.europa.eu/doc/reachit/echa_08_l_02_1_data_submission_en_20080530.pdf

Upgraded data submission web section can be accessed by clicking REACH-IT in the main menu or by typing following address to Internet address line:

http://echa.europa.eu/reachit_en.asp

ECHA Press contact: press@echa.europa.eu