Opening

Seminar on applications for authorisation
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A new process with high expectations

- Authorisation was one of the most controversial aspects of REACH during the negotiations.
  - A lot of expectations
  - Main goal: substitution of hazardous chemicals while ensuring functioning of internal market
- Authorisation is also new for all parties
  - We (potential applicants, third parties and ECHA) are “learning by doing”
  - First cases show that the process is working well
  - Communication, pragmatism and sharing of experiences will play a key role
- Most uncertainties have been clarified in the last few years
  - ECHA has worked with the Stakeholders and the Commission, to bring clarifications
  - Overall the application process is clear
- Increasing number of applications
  - 12 applications received for various substances and uses, 2 opinion adopted
  - 16 pre-submission information sessions held, more planned

Transparency

- ECHA's preparations discussed with all stakeholders
  - Seminars in 2011, 2012 and 2013 with the Industry
  - Today is the fifth seminar
  - Several meetings with the NGOs and the Industry on public consultation on alternatives (in 2011, 2012, 2014)
  - ECHA has participated in many conferences organised by Industry or Member States
  - New: "Network of REACH SEA and Analysis of Alternatives practitioners" (NeRSAP) for applications for authorisation and restrictions. Two meetings so far, third in October.
  - Collaboration between ECHA, EASA and aviation industry on Airworthiness and REACH Autorisation lead to the publication of report useful for all sectors, not only aviation.
- All presentations and voice overs of this seminar published on ECHA's website
- A common understanding, general acceptance and best use of the authorisation procedure is a key for this system to function as it was meant

Trustworthiness

- Applications for authorisation and the discussions in the ECHA Committees and the Commission will certainly contain confidential information

- Therefore, appropriate solutions have been found to ensure that (commercially) sensitive information is kept in trust, whilst the overall functioning and objectives of this procedure are guaranteed.
  - Management Board, and its advisory group on dissemination, have given their consent on important issues, for instance:
    - What to make public during public consultation
    - How to involve stakeholders and applicants during opinion making

Objectives for this seminar

- Present how the authorisation requirement and procedure will be implemented
- Help future applicants to become more familiar with:
  - Their rights and obligations
  - The procedure, formats, templates and pieces of guidance
  - First experiences
- Consultants and advisors to give fit for purpose information
  - Demystification
- For ECHA, receive suggestions for improvement
- For Industry Stakeholder Organisations: to share some experiences and generic recommendations on process, organisation and practices
- In sum, ensure that the application system works

The way we work

- Presentations kept short
- Not repeating what is already the Guidance documents on ECHA's website
- Allow ample time for discussions and questions & answers
- Provide your feedback on our guidance material, website, templates, Q&As via the feedback form or via 'ECHA Info Desk':
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