

Update on the scope of upcoming REF/BEF projects

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WG Prioritisation

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Objective and mandate of the WG

- Review annually a list of proposals for REF projects submitted by Forum members, ECHA Secretariat, the Commission and the Stakeholder Organisations accredited by ECHA (ASOs)
- Prioritise the subjects by applying Forum's methodology for the prioritisation, selection and management of REF projects
- Draft a recommendation proposing the subject for the next REF project and pilot projects

Prioritisation of REF-10 proposals

- The WG collected 14 new proposals for REF projects submitted by Forum members, ECHA, COM and ASOs
- WG reviewed all the proposals
- Some similar proposals were combined
- Some proposals were rejected because not fulfilling mandatory criteria

REF 10 project proposal

- **Integrated checks of products**
 - Control of several duties from different pieces of legislation (Restrictions, SiA duties, POP Regulation)
 - Mostly related to articles, but also to mixtures
 - Most of the products expected to be consumer products
 - Selection of substances in 2021 (i.e. PFOS, Phthalates)
 - Substances to be checked in materials such as rubber, plastic, textiles
 - Products to be checked for different substances for different duties: i.e. substances restricted, substances subject to information duties in the supply chain or substances restricted by POP)

REF 10 project proposal

- **Integrated checks of products**
- Better protection of EU residents and the environment
- **Project Phases**
 - Preparatory phase starting on 2021 (scope, project manual)
 - Operation phase starting on 2022 (inspections)
 - Reporting phase on 2023 (project manual)

REF 10 project proposal

- All suppliers with focus on importers and downstream users (control of manufacturers also possible)
- Cooperation with market surveillance authorities, the customs and other relevant networks and authorities

Pilot project 2022

- Project on notification to Poison Centres
- From 1 January 2021 importers, and downstream users placing on the market mixtures for consumer use or for professional use obliged to provide information about certain hazardous mixtures to the relevant national bodies.
- National bodies make this information available to Poison Centres so that they can give advice to citizens or medical personnel in the event of an emergency.
- Scope of the project to be discussed further in 2021 and inspections taking place from 2022, report on 2023.

Project proposals from ASOs

Eurometaux – Project on Enforcement of self-classifications based on all available scientific evidence is non-existent –

The Forum did not find a priority to coordinate a REF project with inspections in 2022 targeting the provisions that require the chemical suppliers to take all steps available to them to make themselves aware of new scientific or technical information that may affect the classification of the substances that they place on the market.

However, we would recommend to resubmit the proposal for another cycle of prioritisation projects. All project proposals are taken into account.

We thank the ASOs for their proposals and invite to submit new Project Proposals for REF-11 project **by 9 April 2021**.

Link to template: <https://echa.europa.eu/about-us/who-we-are/enforcement-forum/forum-enforcement-projects>

New BPR enforcement project of BPRS

- 'BEF-2' (Biocide Enforcement Project 2)
- Control and enforcement of Biocidal Products (BP)
- BPRS-11 (next week) will decide on priority Biocidal Product obligations to be included
- BEF-2 will include: «allowed» active substances in BP
- Challenge: impact of different Art 89 transitional national rules for BP in the Member States
- Timing: control actions in 2022

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