

Post-Brexit options for UK chemicals law

A joint event by Chemical Watch, CHEM Trust and Tech UK

About the event

This is Chemical Watch's first Brexit conference which is organised in conjunction with industry organisation Tech UK and health and environment NGO CHEM Trust. The event brings together experts and stakeholders who will examine the implications of Brexit in terms of UK/EU trade and environmental protection, current models of cooperation with the EU and possible options for UK chemicals law after Brexit.



08:30 **Coffee and registration**

09:00 **Session 1: Keynotes**

Chair: Geraint Roberts, Editorial Director, Chemical Watch

James Dancy, Defra, UK

*Andreas Herdina, Director of Cooperation, European
Chemicals Agency, Finland*

Julie Girling, MEP, European Parliament Liason for ECHA

*Mary Creagh, MP, Chair of House of Commons Environmental
Audit Committee, UK*

10:00 **Q&A**

10:15 **Refreshments**

10:30 **Session 2: NGOs and expert views**

Chair: Nick Hazlewood, News Editor, Chemical Watch

Nigel Haigh, Hon.Fellow, IEEP, UK

Michael Warhurst, Executive Director, CHEMTrust, UK

Meg Postle, Founding Director, Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd, UK

Elizabeth Shepherd, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland, UK

William Wilson, Barrister-Director, Wyese Consulting Ltd

11:45 **Q&A**

12:00 **Session 3: Focus on trade**

Chair: Mamta Patel, CEO, Chemical Watch

*Dr Lorand Bartels, Reader in International Law in the Faculty
of Law and a Fellow of Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge;
Senior Counsel, Linklaters*

Paulette Vander Schueren, Partner, Mayer Brown, Brussels

12:30 **Q&A**

12:45 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 4: The position of UK industries**

*Chair: Emma Chynoweth, Chief Customer Officer,
Chemical Watch*

*Stephen Elliott, Chief Executive, Chemicals Industries
Association, UK*

*Douglas Leech, Technical Director, Chemical Business
Association, UK*

*Susanne Baker, Head of programme, Environment and
Compliance, TECH UK*

Helen Kean, Technical Director, Anthesis-Caleb, UK

14:45 **Q&A**

15:00 **Session 5: Views from EU Member States and Turkey**

*Chair: Emma Chynoweth, Chief Customer Officer,
Chemical Watch*

*Suzanne Wiandt, Head of Unit, REACH Helpdesk,
BauA, Germany*

Jean-Pierre Feyaerts, former head of Belgian REACH helpdesk

Melih Babayigit, General Manager, CRAD, Turkey

15:45 **Q&A**

16:00 **Refreshments**

16:15 **Panel Discussion**

Chair: Mamta Patel, CEO, Chemical Watch

Stephen Elliott, Chemical Industries Association

*Douglas Leech, Technical Director, Chemical Business
Association, UK*

*Susanne Baker, Head of programme, Environment and
Compliance, TECH UK*

*Ellen Daniels, Head of Public Affairs and Policy,
British Coatings Federation, UK*

*Timo Unger, Manager Environmental Affairs,
Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center, Germany*

*Erwin Annys, Director, REACH Chemicals Policy,
CEFIC, Belgium*

*Paul Ellis, Acting Head of Sustainable Chemicals Management
Offer and Supply Chain Sustainability, Kingfisher Ltd, UK*

Steve George, Chair of ASD REACH Working Group, UK

17:15 **Close of conference/cocktails**



Expert speakers:



James Dancy works for the UK Government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) as Head of EU Exit for Chemicals and Pesticides. Alongside Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Environment Agency, James is jointly leading the cross-government programme of work to ensure the UK prepares, plans and delivers a

successful EU Exit for Chemicals and Pesticides. James has been a civil servant since 2001 and has spent much of his career in Defra, where he has worked as Head of Sustainable Agriculture, led the cross-government team which developed the UK Agri-Tech Strategy and worked on animal disease preparedness and response. He has also worked in Government Office for Science as Head of Health and Environment and most recently in UK Trade and Investment (now Department for International Trade) as Head of Science and Innovation.



Andreas Herdina comes from an Austro-British family background. He graduated from Innsbruck University with a Doctorate in Law and then practiced law in Innsbruck.

In 1987, he joined the Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving in Islamabad, Tokyo, and Geneva. In 1999, he joined the services of the European Commission. He was involved in the accession negotiations with Lithuania. He led a Task Force dealing with nuclear issues in the context of EU enlargement. He contributed to the accession of the Czech Republic. Subsequently, he was involved in developing the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).

Since November 2008, he has held the position of Director of Cooperation at the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). He is Chairman of the HelpNet, a network of national helpdesks, and since mid-2013 the Agency's "SME Ambassador". Within ECHA's senior management, he is dealing with the implications of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.



Julie Girling was elected as a Councillor on Cotswold District Council in 1999 and became Leader of the Council in 2003. In 2000 she was elected to Gloucestershire County Council and became Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment in 2005.

Julie was delighted to be elected as MEP for the South West of England and Gibraltar in June 2009 and successfully re-elected for a second term in May 2014. With a keen interest in all environmental and agricultural issues she was very pleased to be reappointed to the Environment, Public Health & Food Safety Committee, was recently Rapporteur on Air Quality and is now Rapporteur for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Julie is also a member of the Agriculture Committee, Fisheries Committee and the Women's Rights & Gender Equality Committee as well as a member of the ASEAN Delegation for relations with South East Asia.



Mary Creagh was first elected as MP for Wakefield in 2005, Mary is currently Chair of the Environmental Audit Select Committee. Mary served as a Whip in the Department of Health in 2009-10 and held the Environment, Transport and International Development briefs in the Shadow Cabinet between 2010 and 2015. Mary forced the Government to abandon their plans to sell off England's forests, held

Ministers to account during the horsemeat crisis and led Labour's campaign on the impact of rising bus and rail fares on the cost of living.

Before Parliament, Mary taught entrepreneurship at Cranfield University's School of Management. She helped redesign the MBA programme and launched a new web-based MBA. At the same time, Mary was a councillor in Islington 1998-2005 and Leader of the Labour Group 2000-2004. She spent four years in Brussels working for an international NGO.



Nigel Haigh OBE has followed EU chemicals policy from its beginnings. He helped found the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) in 1974 and opened the London office of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) in 1980. He served on the Board of the Environment Agency (1995-2000) and the Board of the European Environment Agency (2000-2005) as a nominee of the European

Parliament. He was specialist adviser for the House of Lords Inquiry into the European Commission's 2001 White Paper that preceded REACH. He has published extensively on EU environmental policy including two books with chapters on chemicals policy. EEC Environmental Policy and Britain (ENDS 1984) identified the 1979 Directive on new chemicals - the precursor to REACH- as 'possibly the most important of all the environmental Directives agreed so far'. His chapter on REACH in his recent book EU Environmental Policy - its journey to centre stage (Routledge 2016) is headed 'Chemicals - the Cinderella of environmental policy'.

He remains astonished at how poorly understood chemicals policy still remains outside the chemicals industry.



Meg Postle is a founding Director of RPA, with over 30 years' of consultancy experience. With a background in natural resources and environmental economics, she has extensive experience in undertaking economic analyses of projects, programmes and policies.

Meg has extensive experience in the field of chemical risk management. This has included preparing risk reduction strategies under the Existing Substances Regulation and more recent work under REACH for ECHA and Member State Competent Authorities (covering over 30 substances in total). More generally, she has been involved in a wide range of impact assessments carried out for the European Commission related to REACH, CLP, OELs, OSH legislation including in relation to Reprotoxins, nanomaterials, detergents, solvents in paints, as well as in relation to the Water Framework Directive, construction products, textiles, cosmetics, and other issues.



Elizabeth Shepherd leads Eversheds Sutherland's international team of specialist environmental lawyers, advising on environmental compliance and strategy in the context of existing and incoming EU and UK legislation. Chemicals-related work is a particular specialism, including the application of EU Regulation such as the BPR (Biocidal Products Regulation), REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation) and CLP (Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging).

Elizabeth was recently one of three panel members asked to give evidence during the first oral evidence session of the Environmental Audit Committee, a cross-party select Parliamentary Committee of 16 MPs, as part of its inquiry into the Future of Chemicals Regulation after the EU Referendum. The panel considered questions from Committee members, including the potential models of chemical regulation post-Brexit, practical implications for business, risks to trade and possible transitional measures.



William Wilson is an environmental and energy lawyer, with 25 years experience, in government, consultancy and private practice, of preparing, negotiating and drafting primary, secondary, EU and international legislation, working with multiple stakeholders. He worked for 9 years in the UK Government Legal Service at the Department of the Environment/DETR/Defra, and for 15

years helped to build up the environmental and energy law practice of a major UK law firm.

He spent two and a half years closely involved with the negotiations of the REACH Regulation with the metals and mining industries, is a member of the Environment and Hazmat committees of the A/D/S aerospace and defence trade association, and has advised major multinational clients, and governments on REACH and other chemicals regulation issues since 2004.



Michael Warhurst has been Executive Director of CHEM Trust since July 2014. CHEM Trust is a UK registered charity that works at EU, UK and International levels to prevent man-made chemicals from causing long term damage to wildlife or humans, by ensuring that chemicals which cause such harm are substituted with safer alternatives

He worked on waste & resource use at Friends of the Earth from 2005-June 2014, including heading up Friends of the Earth Europe's Resources and Consumption programme for over 5 years. Prior to this he worked on chemicals policy at WWF European Policy Office for 3 years and at Friends of the Earth for 5 years, focussing on advocating for reform of EU chemicals policy and working on the initial stages of REACH.



Lorand Bartels is Reader in International Law in the Faculty of Law and a Fellow of Trinity Hall at the University of Cambridge, where he teaches international law, WTO law and EU law. Dr Bartels is a member of the ILA's study group on free trade agreements and helped to establish the Society of International Economic Law. He is a general editor of the Cambridge International Trade and Economic Law Series (CUP), an associate editor of the Journal of World Trade and an editorial board member of several journals, including the Journal of International Economic Law, the Journal of International Dispute Settlement and Legal Issues of Economic Integration.

Dr Bartels has advised on international law and EU law to a number of countries, NGOs, international organizations, and the private sector, and he has written a number of reports for the European Parliament on the EU's trade and human rights policies, fisheries law, and treaty law. He is a Specialist Advisor to the UK House of Commons Select Committee on International Trade, and advises Linklaters as Senior Counsel on trade law, particularly in the context of Brexit.



Paulette Vander Schueren leads the Brussels' members of the Mayer Brown Government and Global Trade Group. Her practice focuses on matters related to international trade, the World Trade Organization including dispute settlement, international trade compliance, international trade negotiations, international customs and European Union regulations.

She represents and advises clients in trade remedy cases before the EU institutions and outside the EU, including on anti-dumping, subsidies, safeguard and, in the EU, on Trade Barrier Regulation matters. She further advises private and governmental clients on international and bilateral agreements concluded by the EU.

Paulette advises and represents clients in a wide range of customs matters before EU and EU Member State authorities as well as the World Customs Organization (the "WCO") and authorities outside the EU such as for example in the field of customs valuation, tariff classification or origin rules.



Steve Elliott joined the Chemical Industries Association in 1997, spending four and half years as Head, International Trade with additional responsibility for Sustainable Development. In April 2002, he was promoted to the position of Director, Trade & Competitiveness and subsequently Director, Business Environment. Steve was appointed Chief Executive of the CIA in February 2006.

Steve is currently President of the European Chemical Employers Group. He also sits on the Board of the Involvement and Participation Association and is involved with a number of committees within Cefic (the European Chemical Industry Council).



Douglas Leech is the Technical Director of the Chemical Business Association based in Crewe. He joined the association in 2003 following over twenty years in the product formulation sector in both health & safety and R & D roles.

As the Technical Director for the Chemical Association (CBA), he is responsible for providing advice and assistance to member companies on legal, regulatory and compliance issues.

He has been involved in both the initial advocacy stages of REACH since 2003 & subsequently in assisting Members in achieving compliance with the provisions of REACH & CLP.

He works both in the UK and Europe in the area of REACH and is also a member of the CBRN advisory group and standing committee of experts on explosives as an industry expert in the field of misuse of chemicals.



Susanne Baker is head of the environment and compliance programme at techUK, the UK's business association for companies working in the digital economy. For over five years, she has also acted as secretariat for the REACH X sector group – an informal group of trade associations and businesses which represent downstream users of chemicals.

Before joining techUK, she worked for seven years at EEF, the manufacturers' organisation and as a journalist for The ENDS Report. She is a board member of the High Speed Sustainable Manufacturing Institute and a fellow of the RSA. She graduated from Kings College London with a degree in Environmental Science.



Helen Keane joined Anthesis in May 2015 as Technical Director and oversees the day-to-day operation of the team in Europe which supports clients in chemical compliance, strategy development and improving ways to manage chemicals of concern in products, processes, supply chains and data valuation. In her previous role for a multinational company

she was primarily responsible for ensuring the company's compliance with European regulations including CLP, REACH and BPR liaising with the business and customers to manage the regulatory risks associated with the product portfolio and the downstream uses globally. She has valuable experience of working in consortia and trade associations and with the advent of REACH-like systems in Asia, understands the challenges of data-sharing globally.



Suzanne Wiandt has been working for the BAuA - Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the Federal Office for Chemicals / Authorisation of Biocides in Dortmund since 2005. She is currently the head of the unit „REACH Helpdesk, Chemical Assessment“.

Suzanne Wiandt can call on many years of experience in chemical assessment, chemical safety and chemicals priority setting procedures due to different occupations in national and international institutions, e.g. Cabinet Paracelse (1995 - 1998, Paris), German Federal Environmental Agency (1998 - 2001, 2003 - 2005, Berlin) or at the OSPAR Commission (2001 - 2003, London).

She was involved as expert in different EU-projects, like SHERPER (SME Helpdesk Experts Roundtable - Planning their Establishment for REACH) or SPORT (Strategic partnership on REACH testing), and is since 2007 the German REACH-, CLP- and Biocide - Correspondent in the ECHA HelpNet steering group. At present she is preparing for the expected high demand and support for the last REACH registration deadline in June 2018 focussing on how to support SMEs.



Jean-Pierre Feytaerts was the head of the Belgian REACH Helpdesk from its creation until his retirement end of October last year. He was also member of the Belgian negotiation team on REACH from July 2005, member of the SEAC from its creation during 6 years. He participate in the Commission's REACH Committee on REACH for some files and represented also Belgium in the working group

of the Enterprise Policy Group on REACH & CLP organised by DG Growth.



Melih Babayigit is a general chemical and allied industries consultant specialised in regulatory compliance. He established CRAD Ltd. in 2007, after working for over 15 years in the general and allied chemical industries. He has experience in a range of industries from production to management.

He and CRAD team of consultants formed by him has been recognised as the most sufficient Chemical Regulatory consultancy service provider about Turkish Chemical Control Regulation. Melih Counsels corporations, industry associations as well as competent authority on a wide range of regulations on Chemical Control and Hazard communication. He and his team at CRAD is serving in the field of Compliance had prepared more than 16000 SDS in compliance with Turkish SDS Regulation and oversaw the successful submission of some thousands substances to Turkish Chemical inventory and Turkish C&L inventory.



Ellen Daniels graduated from the University of Manchester in Politics and History in 2012. After working for an MP Ellen worked for a think tank and trade association, and then spent two years at a public affairs company working with clients in the energy, education and health sectors. Ellen joined the BCF two years ago as their first Public Affairs Manager and leads the public affairs and policy work for

the Federation.



Timo Unger has been working in the European R&D Center of Hyundai & Kia Motor Company as Manager Environmental Affairs since 2005. In addition to the company representation in working groups such as the Steering Committee of the International material Data System "IMDS", also European representative of the Korean Car Manufacturer Association KAMA on certain environmental issues.

Since September 2007, chair of the Automotive Industry Task Force on REACH and since 2013 also chairing the WG Materials & Substances of ACEA, the EU vehicle manufacturers association.

Furthermore member of the UNEP Steering Group for the CiP (Chemicals in Products) Program.



Erwin Annys obtained a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Ghent, where he graduated on nitrosamines in rubber. He worked sixteen years in the chemical industry in different positions in production, technical services, research and development and regulatory affairs. In 2001 with the publication of the white book, he was confronted for the

first time with the new chemical legislation on chemical substances, REACH. Since then he follows this very closely and this legislation brought him to the Belgian federation of the chemical industry and the life sciences, Essenscia in 2004, where he was responsible for product and innovation policy. Since 2008 he is working for Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council where he is director REACH/ Chemicals policy. He is an observer in the Competent Authorities Meeting for REACH and Classification and Labelling, as well in different Committees of ECHA and he is Sherpa in the Directors Contact Group.



Paul Ellis has worked in retail industry for most of his career and within Sustainability with a focus on chemical regulations and sustainable chemical manage for the last 15 years. His team is currently working on the revision the Kingfishers approach to Global Sustainable Chemicals Management, with an aim to apply REACH globally.

He is a member of the Retail leadership team, within the US based, Green Chemistry and Commerce council (GC3), alongside other global retailers, and chairs the EDRA product compliance committee



Steve George has worked for the Aerospace industry for 30 years in a range of product development and management roles, in recent years specialising in functional management of issues relating to supply chain management and engineering work undertaken by suppliers.

Steve is currently chair of the Aerospace and Defence Industries of Europe (ASD) REACH working group, and a Director of the International Aerospace Environment Group.

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