



EUROMETAUX REACH PROGRAMME

Dear REACH Forum member,

This is a somewhat shortened version of the REACH news as ECHA activities have significantly slowed down for a couple of weeks and several among us have tried to find the real summer in less rainy places than Brussels. We hope that wherever you are you are having a good time!

For the ones still behind their PC's, please find below some news reflecting the intense discussions held during the first week of July and...REACH on the Beach on page 5!

Violaine Verougstraete, EHS director Eurometaux

ECHA REACH activities: hot topics

ECHA SEMINAR ON AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS & SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS – REMINDER

ECHA will be organising two workshops to facilitate the preparation and submission of Authorisation Applications. The first workshop is scheduled from 1 to 2 October (noon to noon) and aims at briefing on the preparation for, and the Authorisation process itself while the second workshop from 2 to 3 October (noon to noon) focusses on practices and questions related to Socio Economic Analysis and Assessment of Alternatives. Registration is possible before August 27 online (http://echa.europa.eu/view-article/-/journal_content/ab8d609b-c321-4bda-839a-58721763bd8d). Please note that the number of seats is limited. These workshops will be discussed at the authorisation platform meeting of 1 August in Eurometaux (for further details, please contact Hugo Waeterschoot).

UPDATE IUCLID 5.4 AND NEW VERSION REACH-IT

Following the release of the major revision of IUCLID 5.4 at the beginning of June, ECHA installed a new version of REACH-IT and made the plugins for IUCLID 5.4 available on 11 July. With this new version of REACH-IT, only dossiers created in IUCLID 5.4 can be submitted, both for new dossiers and for updates.

Several companies have experienced issues with the migration to the new IUCLID version, either with the installation of the software itself or with the carrying over of the dossiers/files. Companies that experience problems are urged to contact the ECHA helpdesk to help finding a solution and report the problem to the Eurometaux Secretariat as well. Several industry sector associations (CEFIC, CONCAWE and Eurometaux) discussed the situation with ECHA and ECHA is closely following-up. It seems that for the moment, not many companies have migrated to IUCLID 5.4. We will keep you informed of further developments (for information: please contact Inneke Claes).

CoRAP - UPDATE ONGOING OVER SUMMER

Member States were requested at the last ECHA-MS meeting to forward updates or new suggestions for candidates for Substance Evaluation (SE). Also ECHA will prepare a list of potential candidates for the CoRAP list update, scheduled by the end of the year. The proposals will be reviewed by MSC in October and December. For this year MSC proposed putting the

selection focus on the themes of “reprotoxicity” and “aquatic ecotoxicity”, two issues for which dossier evaluation indicated shortcomings (e.g. ecotoxicity: too limited attention for combined volume and regional background). Both criteria may potentially select several metal compounds. Alternatively, MS may revise or refocus the focus of SE for existing CoRAP listings. The latter may be the case for GaAs. Eurometaux requested MSC to focus on selection criteria being based on risk considerations rather than hazard concerns (for information: please contact Hugo Waeterschoot).

REACH activities at Commission level

CASG NANOS: MEETING ON 2 JULY AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

A CARACAL subgroup on Nanos meeting (CASG Nanos) took place on 2 July. A short report was circulated to the REACH Forum on 10 July but more detailed notes are available on request. In view of the continuously increasing regulatory initiatives on nanos, Eurometaux was asked to provide a kind of mapping of what is ongoing in the EU. This mapping will be made available as soon as possible (for information: please contact Violaine Verougstraete).

EUROMETAUX REACH activities: hot topics/issues

REACH TASKFORCE ON INTERMEDIATES – WORK ON METHODOLOGIES AND EXAMPLES HAS STARTED

On 6 July, the Taskforce came together to define the modalities of the work to be carried out in order to meet the REACH requirements for a full registration of UVCB (test, data, assessment requirements). A number of technical-, administrative- and communication-related actions were identified and attributed to small subgroups who will try to come to the next meeting (end of August) with proposals. This work is essential in the context of upgrades of UVCB intermediates dossiers and follows a meeting Eurometaux and commodities had with the ECHA Evaluation and Substance Identification Units on May 21. Besides the methodologies and concepts that will be tested out and written down on e.g. classification, combined exposure; agreements will be made between the concerned metal consortia on the formatting of the dossier and the data sharing. Potential deliverables are a guidance note on assessment of inorganic UVCBs and a workshop in ECHA to present our approaches before submitting the first upgraded dossiers (for information: please contact Federica Iaccino).

BUDGET AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

A mid-year budget overview was sent out on 16 July to the sponsors of the REACH 2012 programme. It reports on status and costs of the ECHA activities and the projects up to 30 June (for information: please contact Violaine Verougstraete).

REACH BRAINSTORMING

The REACH team did an internal brainstorming exercise on July 3 to reflect on what might be expected as further regulatory developments with regard to Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, Restriction, Emerging issues ... under REACH, as well as possible objectives for the metals industry. The outcomes of this exercise will be pulled together in a document for discussion with REACH Forum volunteers ☺ (for information: please contact Violaine Verougstraete).

REACH METALS GATEWAY

The second version of the Specific Environmental Release Factors (SPERCs) have been improved based on the recommendation by Luskow et al (2011) and Tolls et al (in press) and were further updated with new data for the purpose of the 2013 REACH registration deadline.

These fact sheets have now been uploaded on the Reach Metals Gateway at:

http://www.reach-metals.eu/extranet/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=124&Itemid=203 . A paper has been submitted for publication.

CHEMICAL WATCH SEA WEBINAR

Chemical Watch has organised a webinar on Socio-Economic Analysis on 17 July 2012. Richard Dubourg from ECHA's Risk Management Implementation Unit gave an introduction to socioeconomic analysis in the REACH authorisation process, Marta Stryszowska from ChemAdvocacy SA presented SEA in more details and Linda-Jean Cockcroft, Chair of DEHP Authorisation Task Force gave an industry perspective. A recording of the webinar and the presentations can be downloaded from the Chemical Watch website: <http://chemicalwatch.com/sea-reach-authorisation>

CLP - PREPARING FOR THE EXPERT MEETING ON THE UWM MODEL

The acceptance of the Unit World Model (UWM) assessing the equivalent to degradation for organics to metals is critical for a level playing field environmental hazard assessment of metals with organics under the CLP. A UWM exchange meeting between metal Commodities, Eurometaux and ECHA defined the relevance and importance of the issue, aspects requiring further clarification and the need for further work by an expert team. A conference call on the follow-up (see June REACH News) identified further actions. Follow-up proposals were solicited and obtained from researchers and Eurometaux will facilitate the follow-up by combining them in a sponsor's package, for contribution by interested Consortia by the beginning of August. The overall outcome of the research on the UWM workshop will be reviewed end of August along with the ICMM-MMTWG (Minerals and Metals Technical Working Group) meeting to define the next steps in the advocacy on the UWM model, to ensure a pragmatic solution can be found before the deadline on the implementation of the new Chronic Environmental Classification criteria (for further information: Please contact Katrien Delbeke and Hugo Waeterschoot)

Further outreach of REACH

ICMM EM REACH SEMINAR ON 9 JULY

ICMM and Eurometaux members met in Brussels on 9 July to hear reports from many perspectives on the on-going and future challenges for the mining and metals industry in implementing chemicals management regulations. This half-day session reported on lessons learned in the implementation of the REACH regulation in the EU and progressed to describe the ways in which that is having an impact on chemicals management activities around the world. It was concluded that the challenge of chemicals management will continue to develop around the globe in the coming years and that through the development of proactive work programs and engagement with bodies such as the UN, and OECD, industry can play a role in ensuring that the mining and metals industry is well-placed to respond. We would like to thank here the speakers from commodities and companies who managed to sketch perfectly well despite the time constraints the acquired expertise and what remains to be done.

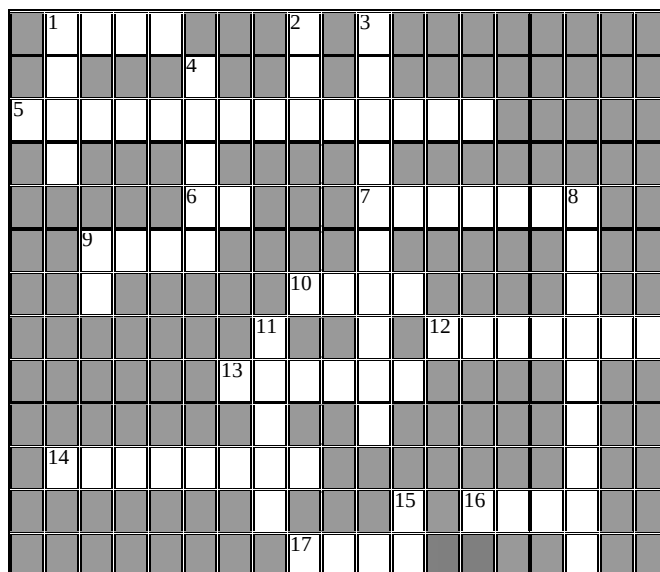
Calendar

- **1 August:** 3rd Authorisation Platform Meeting – MCC
- **23 August:** Second Meeting UVCB Intermediates Team – MCC
- **5-6 September:** European Chemicals Policy-REACH – Barcelona
- **6 September:** ECHA Lead Registrant Webinar on dissemination and confidentiality claims
- **24 September:** Stakeholder Event on the review of REACH
- **25-27 September:** Eurometaux B2B Autumn Meetings - Brussels
- **1-2 October:** Workshop for Authorisation Applicants with EM Presentation – Helsinki
- **2-3 October:** ECHA Workshop on SEA – Helsinki
- **3 October:** European Commission (DG EMPL) – ECHA Workshop Occupational Health (tbc) - Brussels
- **3-4 October:** ECHA-MSD discussion on Testing Proposal issues & Read-across Workshop CEFIC LRI-Helsinki
- **11-12 October:** ECHA Lead Registrants Workshop with EM Presentation – Helsinki
- **16 October:** Eurometaux REACH Forum meeting – MCC
- **19 October:** ECHA Lead Registrant Webinar on General principles of dossier preparation and submission
- **20-21 November:** ENES III – Brussels
- **27-29 November:** CARACAL - Brussels
- **19 December:** Eurometaux REACH Forum Meeting – MCC

Acronyms

CASG : Competent Authorities Subgroup	CARACAL : Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP
CLP : Classification, Labelling and Packaging	CORAP : List of the substances included in the Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) to be evaluated by the Member States in the next three years.
DU : Downstream User	ERV : Ecotoxicological Reference Value
GaAs : Gallium Arsenide	ICMM : International Council on Mining and Metals
IUCLID : International uniform chemicals information database	MCC : Metals Conference Centre
MMTWG : Minerals & Metals Technical Working Group	MSC : Member States Committee
OECD : Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development	SE : Substance Evaluation
SEA : Socio-economic analysis	SPERCS : Specific Environmental Release Factors
UVCB : Unknown or Variable Composition, Complex Reaction Products and Biological Materials	UWM : Unit World Model

REACH on the BEACH



<u>ACROSS</u>	<u>DOWN</u>
1. Gallium Arsenide	1. Precious metal
5. Activity assessing hazard of chemical	2. Strictly Controlled Conditions
6. Selenium	3. Recently subjected to restriction
7. Metalloid used in thrillers	4. Very efficient REACH accountant
9. Keeping us active in REACH registration	8. Group of nice people discussing REACH registration
10. Used in bullets	9. Exposure Scenarios
12. Travel of Ulysses	11. Poisonous
13. Metal with mesocosm study	15. Eurometaux
14. Process of breaking a complex topic	
16. Something distinctively smaller than others of its kind	
17. Former Thailand or former CoCAM	

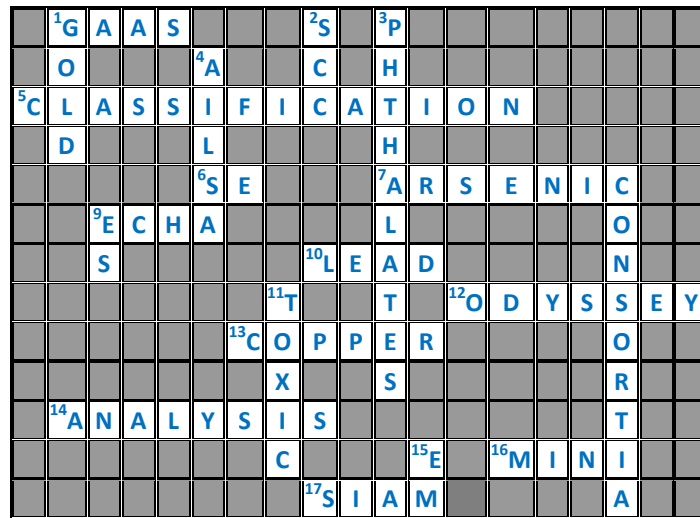
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

With the first letter of your answers, you should end up with REACH ON THE BEACH ☺

- Who has been voted (for the 3rd time) best Chef of the year?
- What is Austria's national flower?
- What is the name of the wine capital of the Jura? Also the most-prolific appellation for red, white and rose wines
- What is the name of a very famous 2 Michelin Stars restaurant in Brussels?
- Which German-Swiss poet, novelist, and painter received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1946?
- Which international competition was first shown on television in 1956?
- What was the favored drink of the gods in Greek mythology?
- What is the name of a Japanese dish made by deep-frying vegetables or seafood in a light batter?
- What is the name of a popular servant character in commedia del'arte plays?
- Which is the only mammal that cannot jump?
- Which is the only country to be crossed by the equator and the tropic of Capricorn?
- What is the acronym for the European Chemicals Agency?
- Who might be Formula One champion this year?
- Who is the Widow (Veuve) famous for her Champagne?
- What gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-toxic, inert, monatomic and heads the noble gas group in the periodic table?

The answers to both games are on the last page

ANSWERS



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- R** - RENE REDZEPI
- E** - EDELWEISS
- A** - ARBOIS
- C** - COMME CHEZ SOI
- H** - HERMAN HESSE

- O** - OLYMPIC (GAMES)
- N** - NECTAR

- T** - TEMPURA
- H** - HARLEQUIN
- E** - ELEPHANT

- B** - BRASIL
- E** - ECHA
- A** - ALONSO
- C** - CLIQUOT
- H** - HELIUM

Enjoy the rest of the summer