

EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

Importance of supply chain
communication
(REACH review)

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Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

In the framework of the European Union Green Deal, the **Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability** was adopted in October 2020. This initiative aims to:

- better protect citizens and the environment
- boost innovation for safe and sustainable chemicals



Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

Over 80 actions, including:

- boosting production and use of **safe and sustainable by design** chemicals;
- "**one substance one assessment**" for risk and hazard assessment of chemicals;
- **banning most harmful chemicals** in consumer and professional products (unless essential);
- **global role** by promoting high standards
- **targeted revisions** of legislation, including **REACH and CLP**, subject to comprehensive **impact assessments**

REACH Revision – Impact Assessment

- Revision of the information requirements for registration
- Introduction of (a) Mixtures Assessment Factor(s) (MAF)
- Revision of the provisions for dossier and substance evaluation
- Reform of authorisation and restriction
- Essential uses
- Revision of provisions for control and enforcement
- **Simplifying communication in the supply chains
(Safety Data Sheets)**

History - Supply chain communication - 2018 REACH revision

REACH review (2018) Action 3:

Improve workability and quality of extended Safety Data Sheets (eSDS). *Why?*

- Information is too lengthy and not sufficiently practical
- Need to expand the use of harmonised formats and IT tools to facilitate dissemination and use (i.e. Digitalisation)
- Deficiencies on information in the exposure scenarios is an obstacle for formulators responsible for SDS for mixtures

Sub-actions:

- 1) **Harmonized formats and IT tools** for more user-targeted information and facilitate their electronic distribution
- 2) The Commission will consider setting up **minimum requirements** for the exposure scenarios for substances and mixtures in SDSs and request ECHA to develop methodology for SDS for mixtures.

Actors involved : COM / ECHA / MS / industry (+ENES) /IT providers etc.

Simplifying communication in the supply chains

Work achieved:

- Multi-layer Development Plan by ECHA, with ENES+, COM, MS, etc. in 2020

Developments:

- 2020 December ECHA Management Board decision – ECHA input is paused
- COM is trying to find the ways to bring ECHA back on board
- MSs and industry are encouraged to continue in the meantime

Current REACH Revision – Impact assessment

Simplifying communication in the supply chains (Safety Data Sheets)

- Harmonised electronic formats
 - Minimum standards for exposure scenarios
 - Simpler and clearer communication from suppliers to downstream users
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- **Options to be considered: Amendment by co-decision, implementing act**
 - **Options to bridge the gap until new legislation are being considered**

REACH revision – state of play

- **Inception impact assessment** published: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12959-Revision-of-EU-legislation-on-registration-evaluation-authorisation-and-restriction-of-chemicals>
⇒ *Commenting period closed on 1 June 2021: 325 contributions received*
- **ECHA** assessment of concerned substances for generic approach ongoing
- **11 Studies**, most of them started already
- **Several workshops**, including SI presidency workshop on reform of authorisation and restriction on 9 November; stakeholder workshop on the same subject, probably on 12 November
- **Open public consultation** around Q1 2022
- **Impact assessment** to be finalised in September 2022
- **Revision proposal** by end 2022

Thank you

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