

General report 2013

ECHA had three important milestones in 2013: the second registration deadline under REACH, achieving the first 5% target for compliance checks on registration dossiers and the entry into operation of the Biocidal Products Regulation.

REGISTERING NEW SUBSTANCES

The 2013 REACH deadline was for substances manufactured or imported in amounts of 100-1 000 tonnes per year. The registration passed successfully, and about 3 000 new substances were registered. ECHA supported companies, enabling them to submit their dossiers on time. Special attention was given to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Publishing the information on registered substances on ECHA's website remained a high priority. In 2013, the Agency disseminated most of the information on the new dossiers, with the exception of those undergoing assessment of confidentiality requests.

MEETING EVALUATION TARGETS

The main focus in dossier evaluation was on the compliance check of dossiers submitted for the first REACH registration deadline in 2010. ECHA exceeded its target of checking the compliance of at least 5 % of the two highest tonnage band registration dossiers. Most of the dossiers were



selected with intelligent IT screening tools to examine those endpoints that matter most for the safe use of chemicals. This contributes to ECHA's first strategic objective: maximising the availability of high-quality data, enabling the safe use of chemicals.

Regarding substance evaluation, the Community rolling action plan was updated for the first time with 62 new substances added. The first substance evaluations were concluded by the Member States. This resulted in draft decisions, requesting further information on 32 substances.

PROGRESS IN RISK MANAGEMENT

On risk management, ECHA developed an implementation plan for the EU Commission's Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) Roadmap. The roadmap gives an EU-wide commitment to having all relevant currently known SVHCs included in the Candidate List by 2020.

The first eight applications for authorisation were received. These were for two substances and 17 specific uses. A large number of proposals for harmonised classification and labelling and some restriction proposals went to ECHA's scientific committees RAC and SEAC for their scientific opinion.

TAKING OVER NEW TASKS

ECHA managed successfully the entry into operation of the Biocidal Products Regulation on 1 September. This included new IT tools for Member States and industry, webpages, support from ECHA's Helpdesk and new guidance documents. The interest of companies to apply for an EU authorisation was lower than originally estimated. The Agency also prepared for its future tasks with the recast Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation.

PREPARING FOR FUTURE TARGETS

ECHA has incorporated most of the recommendations from the Commission's REACH Review Report into its planning. To prepare for the 2018 deadline, ECHA has nominated an SME Ambassador as a contact point for all matters concerning small and medium-sized enterprises. The Agency also stepped up its scientific and regulatory knowledge building, in particular to regulate the identification and risk management of nanomaterials and endocrine disruptors.

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Main drivers of ECHA's activities in 2013

Helping companies to comply with chemicals legislation

Registration dossiers received, including updates	14 839
Testing proposals received	410
Confidentiality requests - new claims received	548
Requests for access to data older than 12 years	106
PPORD notifications	299
Inquiries	1 425
Decisions on data sharing	11
Testing proposal decisions	46
Concluded compliance checks	925
SME company size checks	516

Advancing the safe use of chemicals

Proposals for harmonised classification and labelling	29
Substances to be evaluated by the Member States	46
Substance evaluation decisions	32

Addressing chemicals of concern

Restriction proposals received	4
Proposals for identification as SVHC received	17
Authorisation applications received	8

Information on chemicals

Decisions on confidentiality requests	198
Decisions on access to documents requests	53
General and press enquiries	1 241
Questions answered (REACH Advice, REACH-IT, IUCLID 5, others)	6 698
Press releases and News alerts	95

Other

Appeals submitted in 2013	22
Number of statutory staff	553
Total expenditure	106 million