

Curriculum vitae for Johanna Peltola-Thies

Personal data

Name: Peltola-Thies, Johanna

Nationality: Finnish

Date of birth: 13 July 1970

Education

Master of Science in Agriculture and Forestry, major in Limnology, University of Helsinki, Finland, 1997

Present position

Senior scientific officer; Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Risk Assessment

Professional experience

2012 - : Senior Scientific Officer, European Chemicals Agency, Finland

- 2019-: Restriction and authorisation tasks;
- 2012-2019: Coordination of PBT- and POPs related tasks; Chair of ECHA's PBT Expert Group; Identification of Substances of Very High Concern; Work on and coordination of PBT-related Guidance activities; Work on and coordination of activities on per-fluorinated substances; Other regulatory and expert tasks under REACH; Member (UK) of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention 2016-2018.

2008 - 2012: Manager REACH Registration/Product Safety Regulatory Affairs, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA, Germany

- Team leader REACH Registration Management in Corporate Product Safety Regulatory Affairs department. Coordination of REACH registration activities of Henkel's European Legal Entities, participation to consortia, lead registrant duties;
- Contribution to the preparation of CLP-notifications. Classification of substances for physical hazards;
- Support of the corporate management of global chemicals regulatory affairs.

2004 - 2008: Consultant for various European chemical authorities, Germany

- Projects for the European Commission: Preparing amendment of Annex XIII to REACH; Identification of persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT/vPvB) –substances under Existing Substances Regulation (EEC) 793/93 and REACH;
- Projects for the Federal Environmental Agency, Germany: EU risk assessments under Regulation (EEC) 793/93 including representation of Germany at European level expert meetings on Existing Substances;
- Work for the Nordic Council of Ministers for preparing dossiers for UNEP and UNECE – processes for inclusion of new substances to the conventions regulating persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

2002 - 2004: Officer, Department of Chemicals and Biological Safety, Federal Environmental Agency, Germany

- EU risk assessments and assessments of persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT/vPvB) substances under Regulation (EEC) 793/93 and development of the assessment methods. Other tasks in the implementation and revision of the chemicals legislation. Representation of Germany at European level expert meetings on Existing Substances.

1999 - 2002: Senior officer / Officer, Chemicals Division, Finnish Environment Institute

- Tasks in the implementation of chemicals legislation, the UNEP POP-Convention and the EU Water Framework Directive;

- Work for the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission HELCOM;
- Coordination of and research tasks in the national research project "RYVE" on urban storm water pollution.

1998 - 1999: Water protection expert, Finnish Association for Nature Conservation

- Coordination of a national lake restoration and protection project. Other water protection expert and public affairs tasks.

1997 - 1998: Consultant in environmental protection, Envidata ky

- Evaluation of the implementation rate of HELCOM Recommendations in the Baltic Sea countries for the WWF Baltic Sea office;
- Tasks in the field of environmental management systems and contaminated soils - consulting.

1995 - 1997: Research assistant, University of Helsinki, Department of Limnology

- Development of a method to measure primary production of pelagic algae using ¹⁴C-labelling and HPLC.

Publications

Main author in several peer reviewed EU environmental risk assessments under Existing Substances Regulation; several other publications and dossiers related to chemicals safety.