



Webinar: New ECHA public data availability system - Part II

Questions and answers

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| # | Question | Answer |
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| Data protection / confidentiality | | |
| 1 | Should one make changes to current registration dossier if there is information that shouldn't be public? How can you tell from IUCLID what will be public info? | <p>In the new data availability system, the level of publication will remain the same as before; no changes are made with respect to the information that is made publicly available. Similarly, confidentiality will be protected, same as now, by respecting the data flagged confidential in the submitted dossiers and redacting as appropriate. In addition, there will be no explicit link between the published dossiers and the respective data submitters.</p> <p>Any changes to the publication policy will always be announced well in advance, to give time to react and e.g., request confidentiality on certain information, if appropriate.</p> <p>ECHA has developed a tool to enable registrants to simulate which information from their registration dossiers is likely to be removed before publication over the internet, and which information will be made publicly available. The IUCLID 'Dissemination preview' tool is by default available in IUCLID 6.</p> |
| 2 | Currently it is very difficult (and time-consuming for all involved) to get access to the non-confidential CSR, will this be published in the new database? | While we transition to the new data availability system, we will keep the publication policy stable – any future change to the information published will be announced well in advance. Please note that non-confidential information from CSR sections 1-8 is already published as part of the registration data: information on uses, properties and hazard classifications and conclusions of substances is available in the registration dossiers. |
| 3 | Why can't you show who is the Lead Registrant? If they have allowed publication in REACH-IT? This would be important | While we transition to the new data availability system, we want to keep the publication policy stable. This is why, at the moment, the publication of who is the lead registrant is not foreseen. However, we are taking note of the need for this information to be made available to potential registrants for the future. Any changes in the information we publish will always be announced well in advance, to give companies time to react. In the meantime, potential |

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| | for potential registrants and data sharing | registrants can always find the identity of their relevant lead(s) via the inquiry process. |
| 4 | The ECHA website show when dossier updates were submitted per company. We use it identify the LR to obtain costs. How do we approach this with the new system? | <p>The new system will show the date on which each dossier was last updated – i.e. the date on which the dossier was submitted to ECHA. In the first version of the new system, the update years per company will not be included. However, we take note of your request and the underlying need to make available who is the lead registrant of a substance, for any future revision of the publication policy.</p> <p>In the meantime, the identity and contact details of any existing lead registrant for a substance are always made available via REACH-IT following an inquiry.</p> |
| Searching | | |
| 5 | Is it possible to search by registration number instead of EC or CAS number? | In the first version of the new data availability system, only searches by substance identifiers are available (i.e., substance names of any kind, or numerical identifiers of any kind). We have taken note of the need, and we do plan to build some search functionalities in future for REACH registration specific data elements. |
| 6 | Will it be possible to find all substances that are e.g. categorized as persistent, or all substances produced in a specific tonnage span? | <p>In the first version of the new system, only searches by substance identifiers are available. After its release, we will take stock of user feedback to see which additional search functionalities would be needed.</p> <p>Note that we also make available the REACH registration data in the OECD eChemPortal, where you can build searches based on chemical properties: https://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/echemportalglobalportaltoinformationonchemicalsubstances.htm</p> |
| 7 | Will it be possible to search for information across substances? e.g. will it be possible to find all substances that have data for a specific toxicity test? | <p>In the first versions of the new system, you will be able to search for substances using standard chemical identifiers, such as CAS number, EC number and chemical names. While at the moment we do not have plans to introduce property-based searches, in later versions we will explore possibilities to build certain reporting/analytic tools on top of the system.</p> <p>Note that we also make available the REACH registration data in the OECD eChemPortal, where you can build searches based on chemical properties: https://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/echemportalglobalportaltoinformationonchemicalsubstances.htm</p> |
| Data display | | |
| 8 | How can I see the complete list of all registered substances? | In the first version of the new system, you will be able to see the registered substances one-by-one. The feature to view the whole list of all registered substances will come in a later version during 2024. |
| 9 | In the demo, the concerned T band per registration type is not mentioned. Was this omitted? Or will this not be present in the "DAS" (it is on actual website)? | Indeed, same as today, an overall aggregated tonnage band per substance will be published, under the REACH Registration subsection. The aggregation of this band will follow the same logic as used today in the Infocards, and takes into account any confidentiality claims on tonnage band. |
| 10 | Will the estimated quantities in section 3.2 of each dossier be | No. While every registration dossier will be published separately in the new data availability system, section 3.2 will continue to be redacted from the dossiers before publication. To maintain the current level of confidentiality |

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| | displayed on ECHA website if the information is not marked as CBI in the IUCLID file? | and to avoid revealing company specific information, an overall aggregated tonnage band per substance will be published under the REACH Registration subsection, as shown in the demo. |
| 11 | I liked the overview layout more handy than to click my way all up and down | Many thanks for your feedback. We understand that some of you may prefer the layout of the current registration factsheets. However, to ensure that the new system is capable of efficient and continuous publication of IUCLID data from different sources, we have opted for a viewer that is built as part of the IUCLID application. Unlike the user interface of the current dissemination system, with the IUCLID-based viewer we don't need to pause publication to adapt the interface when data formats evolve, or we have new dossier types to publish. We hope that once familiar with it, users will find it easy to navigate – especially those who already use IUCLID for other purposes. In any case, we will be collecting feedback also on this feature after the release. |
| 12 | What is the benefit of publishing all dossiers, even for joint submission members? It could show 50+ Joint Submission member dossiers with similar information | <p>ECHA has the obligation to publish the information received from all REACH registration dossiers – this we do already today, aggregating all the information into one overarching factsheet. As part of the need to expand and more rapidly integrate new data sources, in the new system we will reduce the level of aggregation and summarisation of data that the current platform performs, and focus on making the data available as received.</p> <p>Context information and filters will be provided to assist users in identifying the dossier(s) of interest, e.g. per role in the joint submission, latest update date or type of registration – we expect that this will in fact make the published information more understandable to users.</p> |
| 13 | The CAS number of the first hit from the live demo with search for ethyl shows a wrong format (XXX-YYY-ZZZ). It should be XXX-YY-Z. | The live demo was recorded in our test environment with dummy data. When we go live the data will be the real data. Great to see that you are attentive out there! |
| Export/download functionalities | | |
| 14 | Is it planned to provide API interface for downloading the data present in a registration dossier of a substance? | In the first version of the new data availability system, we will make available information for visual browsing only. New ways to make data available will be explored in the future for relevant datasets, including the possibility of APIs. |
| 15 | Will the information be downloadable in Excel? | Yes, similar to today we envision that information such as search results and lists could be exported to Excel. For data exports we would aim to follow best practices and to make the exported data the most useful possible. Some information is foreseen to be made available for export/download during 2024. |
| 16 | Will you have dossier download functionality in the UI? | In the first version of the new Data availability system, you will be able to browse the information visually. In later versions we will look at making available information for download. At the moment, dossiers can be downloaded as part of the REACH Study Results package on the IUCLID website. https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/get-iuclid-data |

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| Accessibility | | |
| 17 | Will the new webpage be available in several languages? | The IUCLID user interface, on which also the dossier viewing in the new data availability system is based, is made available in English due to the important number of harmonised forms and fields required to prepare regulatory dossiers. The information is also largely submitted by companies to ECHA in English. If needed, users can use existing online or local IT solutions to translate relevant terms or pages. |
| Regulatory processes and regulatory obligations | | |
| 18 | In terms of the regulatory obligations/processes, will you still be able to see any relevant to each specific substance from that substance's landing page? | Yes, in the new system you will find all relevant processes and obligations for a substance through the substance dashboard in one single widget. During the transition period, however, you may need to use both systems side by side as the content is transferred gradually. We will guide you as to which lists are available in the new system and which ones in the current. |
| 19 | Will the PAC Tool remain in its function and be transferred to the new design, or will the new system make the PAC Tool redundant and therefore replace it? | The processes contained in the PACT will be gradually moved to the new system and the new system will eventually replace it. The first processes are foreseen to be moved at the end of 2024. We will keep you updated on the progress with webinars like this one. |
| Other features / content | | |
| 20 | For how long will the current DPWS be available for until this replaces it? | The current DPWS will be available until further notice. ECHA will keep the users informed once new ways to make data available, including APIs, will be explored in the new data availability system. |
| 21 | How is the link structure behind the application? Is it possible (a) to set deep links to subcategories and (b) to access e.g. substance info from other apps? | Your question requires further consultation and can't be answered during the webinar. Please send us your question using our contact form: https://echa.europa.eu/contact |
| 22 | Will the Chemical Universe list be integrated into this system with dynamic filters? | As described on ECHA's website (https://echa.europa.eu/universe-of-registered-substances) the Chemical Universe supports the prioritisation of registered chemicals for risk management. At this point we do not foresee to integrate the Chemical Universe into the new data availability solution. |
| Transition phase | | |
| 23 | Will the data that is made available in the new system still be available after in the old system in its current state? I.e. REACH registrations after Jan 2024? | As explained in the presentations, we are moving ECHA's current dissemination platform / Information on chemicals database into the new data availability system in an incremental way, starting in the end of January 2024. The current dissemination platform will remain available during this transition, but the data sources that are moved to the new system will not be updated anymore in the legacy platform. Once we have transferred all the data in scope of dissemination to the new system, we will take down the current platform, but this will still take a few years. |

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| 24 | Will there be established a link to REACH-dossier from the old system directly to the new system - and vice versa? | We will provide redirection from the current platform to the new system through static links. We foresee to add links to the new Substance dashboards from the current Infocards, and from the REACH Registered substance factsheets portal (e.g. https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.000.002 , and https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances) |
| General questions | | |
| 25 | Looks like some questions are removed during Q&A session. Was this on purpose or is there a technical bug? | It was a glitch, thanks for spotting it! All questions are available now. |
| 26 | Will the Power Point presentations from today's webinar be available later, I can only see link to you tube video-version now? | The presentations will be published shortly after the event, on the webinar page - https://echa.europa.eu/-/new-echa-public-data-availability-system-part-ii |
| 27 | Will the slides from today be made available? The presenter said that they were already available, but I cannot see them on the webinar page. Thanks! | The presentations and Q&A will be published shortly after the event, on the webinar page https://echa.europa.eu/-/new-echa-public-data-availability-system-part-ii |
| 28 | Many thanks for the really useful update and demo! | Thank you for participating in our webinar! |