BE A PIONEERING COMPANY OF AskREACH!

The LIFE AskREACH project is looking for pioneering companies to receive early access and test the database. If you are interested in participating in the early phases of development, please contact us via companies@askreach.eu. You can help to best adapt the tools to your needs. As a pioneer company, you will also get a chance to discuss with the project experts your REACH-relevant issues.

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Help your company to fulfil its obligations on substances of very high concern!

You are an article supplier, i.e. you produce, import, distribute articles or sell them to consumers? Are you aware of the chemicals that your articles contain?

As a supplier, you have the right to know and the duty to tell!

Your right to receive and your duty to communicate information on Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)[1] in your articles is defined by Article 33 of the REACH Regulation[2]: every supplier within the supply chain has to provide, free of charge, the recipient of an article with information on the presence of every SVHC contained in this article (> 0.1%, w/w) together with sufficient information on the safe use of the article. On request, the same information has to be provided to consumers.

ARTICLES COVERED BY THE REACH REGULATION

The duty to inform about SVHC applies to articles. An article is an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition. Articles include clothes, furniture, electronics and toys. Chemical mixtures such as housecleaning agents, cosmetics or paints do not come under Article 33 REACH (but there are other specific communication obligations).

WHAT ARE CANDIDATE LIST SUBSTANCES?

The Candidate List, managed by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), includes all identified substances of very high concern. It is updated twice a year[1].

For example, it includes certain phthalates, brominated flame retardants and perfluorinated compounds. If an article contains substances on the Candidate List, this does not necessarily mean that the article poses a risk, but the consumers may want to be aware of them due to their undesirable properties.

BE EFFICIENT TO FULFIL YOUR DUTIES TO KNOW AND TO TELL ABOUT SVHC IN ARTICLES

The LIFE AskREACH project helps you to optimise your communication towards consumers with the AskREACH database and smartphone application.

FUTURE AskREACH DATABASE AND APP

When you upload the SVHC information of your articles to the AskREACH database (to be launched in 2019), a mobile app developed by the AskREACH project will facilitate communication of your article information to consumers throughout Europe.

YOUR ADVANTAGES

- Upload your SVHC information for all your articles in just one step.
- No need for you to handle all European consumer requests by yourself individually.
- Provide additional information on your articles directly to your potential customers.
- Receive statistics on customer requests.
- Use data exchange interface for bulk upload (from your company's system) or a simple data entry mask for SMEs.
- Get a reminder for information update every time new substances are identified as SVHC.
- Promote also SVHC free articles via the app.

For articles without information in the database, the app user can generate an information request that is automatically sent to the supplier. You will also have the possibility to provide us with the corresponding email address for such requests.

In addition, activities on supply chain tools in the AskREACH project will support your communication along the supply chain.

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[1] See the current SVHC here: https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table

[2] Regulation (EC) 1907/2006