

# ECHA's perspectives on the introduction of the new hazard classes into CLP

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# Outline

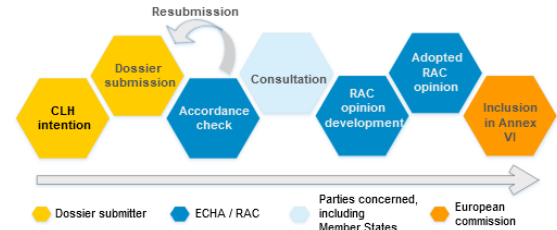
- ECHA mission and role
  - past, present, future
- Guidance development
- ECHA expectations from
  - ✓ MSCAs
  - ✓ Industry
  - ✓ Academia



- Ensure safe use and sustainable management of chemicals
- Knowledge hub, most comprehensive chemicals database in the world
  - REACH, **CLP**, BPR, PIC, POPs, WFD, DWD
- Administrative, technical, scientific and regulatory support on chemicals
- Request for COM support on Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS)

- Manage the CLP Regulation (Classification, Labelling and Packaging, (EC) No 1272/2008) since 2008
- Ensure high quality, CLP compliant information on C&L
- Advise MSCAs and support opinion-making for harmonised classification and labelling (CLH)
- Support COM decision-making

Steps of the CLH process



- CLP introduction of new hazard classes (PBTs, PMTs) only
- Preparation for “landing” of updated CLP Regulation
  - internal processes, experts team, anticipated issues, gaps, guidance needs, pesticide/ biocides, other admin activities
- Provide technical, scientific and regulatory support to COM
  - E.g. on regulatory interfaces (synergies/ overlaps), **# substances** from REACH database, drafting/ commenting opinion papers, workshop participation, CARACAL, review legal text, criteria, etc.

- Refine internal practices, prepare pilot cases
- Update templates, identify resource & expertise needs
- Plan training activities (internal & external)
- Engage and consult with relevant Stakeholders
  - COM, MSs, Industry, Academia, general public
- Develop Guidance on the application of the new hazard CLP criteria on PBTs and PMTs

- Drafting has started early 2023
- Interactions with key Stakeholders
- Consultation with ECHA's PBT EG (~ 05/2023)
- Consultation with Partner Expert Group (~09/2023)
- Consultation with ECHA's RAC and CARACAL (2024)
- Publishing envisaged approximately for 06/2024

- Manage CLH process for new hazard classes
- Liaise with MSs to ensure proposals of high quality and regulatory added value (**prioritisation**)
- Facilitate **RAC** opinion making/ producing robust proposals for harmonised classification and labelling
- Support COM after opinion adoption
- Possibility to draft CLH proposals
- Participate in discussions in UN GHS
- Update Guidance based on accumulated experience and potential scientific developments



- **MSCAs**

- engage with ECHA early on, e.g. on groups or in any other complex issue
- continue to prioritise substances to provide added regulatory value
- contribute with scientific expertise, e.g. in ECHA's EGs
- deliver high quality CLH opinions

- **Industry**

- generate high quality, reliable and relevant data
- provide timely feedback and inputs via the available means and platforms
- continue active engagement and constructive commenting
- self-classify for substances that meet criteria in interim period

- **Academia**

- familiarise and factor in your work relevant regulatory considerations and caveats
- highlight data gaps, provide expert opinions
- proceed to the identification and monitoring of relevant substances
- assist in the development of relevant prioritisation schemes and lists for regulatory action
- assist market transition by providing safer chemical alternatives
- develop more sensitive analytical and other types of methods

# Key links

- [ECHA website](#)
- [Press release on the new hazard classes legal proposal](#)
- [Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability](#)
- [CLP Regulation](#)
- [CLP Guidance](#)
- [Adopted RAC opinions](#)
- [REACH R11 Guidance \(under update\)](#)



# Thank you!

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