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EuPC REACH workshop: Plastics Industry State of Play *with practical examples*

The European Plastics Converters (EuPC) trade association which has been actively involved in the development of REACH is holding the **REACH Workshop: The Plastics Industry State of play *with practical examples***. The implementation of REACH has thus far covered the registrations of big and medium volumes chemicals, the first authorisations and restrictions, but there are new challenges ahead to be faced, such as the 2018 registration.

The aim of the workshop is to focus on key learnings from past challenges brought on by REACH as well as keep SMEs in the plastics value chain up to date regarding the latest developments regarding REACH, including practical tools and solutions developed by EuPC to facilitate the fulfilment of REACH obligations. The two-day event, taking place on **17th and 18th March 2016 in Brussels**, will attract participants from across Europe representing all levels of the supply chain.

The focus of the first day will be on different sections pertaining to REACH. Geoffroy Tillieux, EuPC Technical Department Director & PCE Regulatory Compliance Director will present the rights and obligations for the plastics supply chain. Dr Bernhard Mahlberg from the Institute for Industrial Research will evaluate the impact of REACH on the affected industries and Austria's economy, a report commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

Various aspects of REACH registrations will be covered by industry experts such as Roger Van Der Linden, PlasticsEurope REACH Committee Chairman, who will discuss the notifications of nanomaterials. The registration in 2018 and orphan substances will be presented by Karin Van de Velde, Secretary General of the REACH Orphan Substance Consortium. Venelin Marinov, Advisor to the Bulgarian Association Polymers, will explain the duties of importers and only representatives.

Bjorn Hansen, the Head of Unit Chemicals at DG Environment, will open Thursday's session on recycling and the circular economy by presenting the European Commission's vision for integrating recycling within the circular economy. Maurice Funcken of Nissan will discuss the challenges of recycling automotive applications in relation to the latest REACH developments. Closing the session will be Eric Vandevijver from Inovyn/VinyLoop, the lead registrant on authorisations for uses of soft PVC recyclates containing legacy DEHP.

The second day of the workshop will be dedicated to Risk Management options for substances and Enforcement. Klaus Berend, the Head of Unit REACH at DG Grow will present how to implement REACH in a streamlined way, covering steps such as RMOA, Authorisation and Restriction. National Expert Dr. Jochem F. M. van der Waals from the Ministry of Infrastructure



and Environment will share the Netherland's experience on Risk Management for chemicals. ECHA will be represented by Scientific Officer Denis Mottet who will share knowledge gained from the past experiences with authorisation applications.

During the workshop, industry experts will be represented by Christian Schmitt, REACH Substance Coordinator Performance Chemicals Division of BASF, presenting Risk Management Option Analysis of the UV absorber. Examples of ADCA substance will be presented by Sabine Dröge, Legal Assessor and Deputy Managing Director of Polycomply Hoechst, who will address different Risk Management Options for substances used exclusively in industrial settings and already subject to workplace legislation.

Last but not least Michel Baumgartner, Secretary General of EUROPUR and EURO-MOULDERS, together with Ronal Van den Bosch, PU, EHS, Sustainability & Compliance of Dow Benelux, will present a new approach on REACH Restriction based on the example of diisocyanates.

The full programme for EuPC's REACH Workshop: The Plastics Industry State of Play *with practical examples* is available [here](#). Do not miss the opportunity to [register](#)!

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