RIPE

A new tool for inspectors

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What is RIPE?

- RIPE = **R**EACH **I**nformation **P**ortal for **E**nforcement

- It is a web-based application

- **Purpose:** Enable access to information submitted to ECHA to enforcement authorities in Europe
  - Intended for enforcement of REACH and CLP
  - May be used for implementation/enforcement of other Union legislation
  - Other authorities (MSCAs) may also access if needed for implementation/enforcement of REACH and CLP

- **Why:** Inspectors are a different target group than MSCAs who have access to REACH-IT
  - Inspectors must have access to data
  - Numerous NEAs in >1000 locations in Europe would not be able to comply with the very strict requirements for access to REACH-IT
  - A lighter tool is needed

Guiting business principles

- It should suit the needs of inspectors
  - Forum WG on Implementation of RIPE

- Allow easy and secure access to many inspectors in many locations

- Ensure sufficient data security with many distributed users

- Fulfill daily information needs of enforcers

- Give sufficient basis for enforcement
  - Reliable data source
  - No other applications required to make enforcing decisions

- Simple and clear interface and good performance

Brief history of RIPE

Discussion (~21 Months)
- **December 2007** –   Discussion on data needs starts in Forum
- April 2008 –   First list of data needs by the Forum
- December 2008 –   First ECHA proposal for solution
- May 2009 –   Agreement on the list of data
- September 2009 –   User needs agreed by Forum

Implementation (~21 Months)
- **September 2009** –   RIPE project starts in ECHA
- August 2010 –   Development starts
- December 2010 –   First dev. version shown to Forum WG
- February 2011 –   First hands-on testing by Forum WG
- April – May 2011 –   User Acceptance Testing by Forum WG
- 9 June 2011 - RIPE Training
- **27 June 2011** -   Release of RIPE 1.0

Maintenance and improvement (ongoing)
- October 2011 -   Version 1.1 released

Data available to inspectors

Submission types currently in RIPE
1. Registration
2. Registrations of on-site isolated intermediates
3. Registrations of transported isolated intermediates
4. PPORD Notifications
5. Pre-registrations
6. Late pre-registrations
7. Inquiries
8. Notifications of substances

Submission types which will be added
1. C&L Notifications
2. Applications for Authorisation

Overview of dossier information included

- – Company Information (address, contact details, persons, sites)
- – General information on submission (tonnage, date reference number etc.)
- – Substance identification information
- – Identified uses & uses advised against
- – Classification & labeling information (CLP & DPD)
- – Safety information
  - • First aid, firefighting, accidental release, handling, exposure control, stability and reactivity
- – Disposal considerations
- – Physical and chemical properties: key values
- – Toxicological properties: key values
- – Ecotoxicological properties: key values
- – Information on routes of exposure (1-10t)

What can inspectors do in RIPE?

- Search & view submissions
  - Using key criteria necessary for inspectors
  - View key information from each dossier
  - Compare information between dossiers
  - Check validity of reference numbers from other MS

- Generate reports collecting information on relevant for inspectors
  - SDS related information (data pulled from registration)
  - Joint submission report
  - Safety information relevant in cases of accidents

What can inspectors do in RIPE?

- View screening reports
  - What are screening reports: List of submissions fulfilling certain characteristics that may qualify them as potential subjects of enforcement action
    - Individual registrations with opt outs from joint submission
    - Registrations of non phase-in substances where there was no inquiry
    - Registrations of phase-in substances where there was no **pre-**registration
    - Registrations of substances from candidate list
    - Pre-registrations with indicative registration on 1.12.2010 where the potential registrant has not registered the same substance

  - More reports with more characteristics will be added to the tool in the future

Security in RIPE

- Technical Security Aspects
  - Data transferred via SSL-VPN
  - Strong two-factor authentication of users: physical tokens

- Organizational security aspects
  - Strictly controlled access
  - Centralized User Management

- RIPE Security recommendations
  - Physical Security
  - Information Security
  - ICT Security
  - MS RIPE Administrator
  - Enforcement Authority
  - RIPE Users
  - Audit
  - Declaration of Compliance

Next steps

- Enhance the current version of the application
  - New submissions

  - New screening reports to allow better targeting of inspections

  - Extra features needed requested by the WG Implementation of RIPE

- New version of the application?
  - To be decided
  - More advanced search features (IUCLID-like)
  - Enhanced communication features (case tracking)

Benefits of RIPE

- Makes the work of inspectors easier

- Could allow inspectors to do more inspections

- Allows more thorough controls

- Will allow inspectors to better choose and target their inspections