

Elaboration of a compendium of analytical methods for the enforcement of Annex XVII restrictions

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Background

- Annex XVII: restrictions are of critical importance to inspectors and to companies manufacturing, using and placing goods on the market
- The analytical method (sampling + analysis) to be used for checking compliance with the restrictions is seldom specified in law
- A company's product assessed in one country can be assessed differently in another country with severe consequences (inferior A.M. < > recommended A.M.)
- The ECHA Forum has committed itself to contribute to a level playing field via the building of a compendium of recommended analytical methods for checking compliance with restrictions

Background

- An inventory of analytical methods accepted in MS for checking compliance with restrictions exists, but the available information does not allow to recommend one method over another
 - Companies may have better analytical methods (reliability, precision, ...) ? Or do they use inferior analytical methods ..?
 - Companies and inspectors have mutual interests in avoiding production and placing on the market of, and use in non-market compliant produce
- ➔ USE RECOMMENDED ANALYTICAL METHODS IF KNOWN**

Proposal

- The ECHA Forum invites the ECHA Accredited Stakeholder Organisations to inform her on the characteristics of the analytical methods for checking compliance with ANNEX XVII restrictions; a questionnaire is available
- Once the Compendium of analytical methods recommended to check compliance with Annex XVII restrictions is created, it will be published on ECHA's website

Which information ?

- For each restriction analytical methods should be available for all relevant matrices
- Per restriction, per matrix, provide:
 - Which method / technique ?
 - Quantitative / Qualitative ?
 - Limit of detection ?
 - Recovery ?
 - Reproducibility ?
 - Sample preparation ?
 - Measurement uncertainty ?
 - Which laboratory¹ ?

(1) : this information will be confidential, non-public and restricted to the Forum WG

Recommending analytical methods

- Each communicated analytical method will be assessed by impartial laboratory experts (public authorities)
- Recommendation based on widely accepted criteria in analogous analysis domains
- Public consultation of Compendium

Conclusions

The Stakeholders are invited

- To **consider** this proposal
- To **cooperate**² with the ECHA Forum in establishing a Compendium of recommended analytical methods for checking compliance with ANNEX XVII restrictions.

(2) by filling-in a questionnaire

(to be sent by the Forum Secretariat after adoption of Forum methodology for recommending analytical methods / beginning of the data collection phase)

Thank You.

