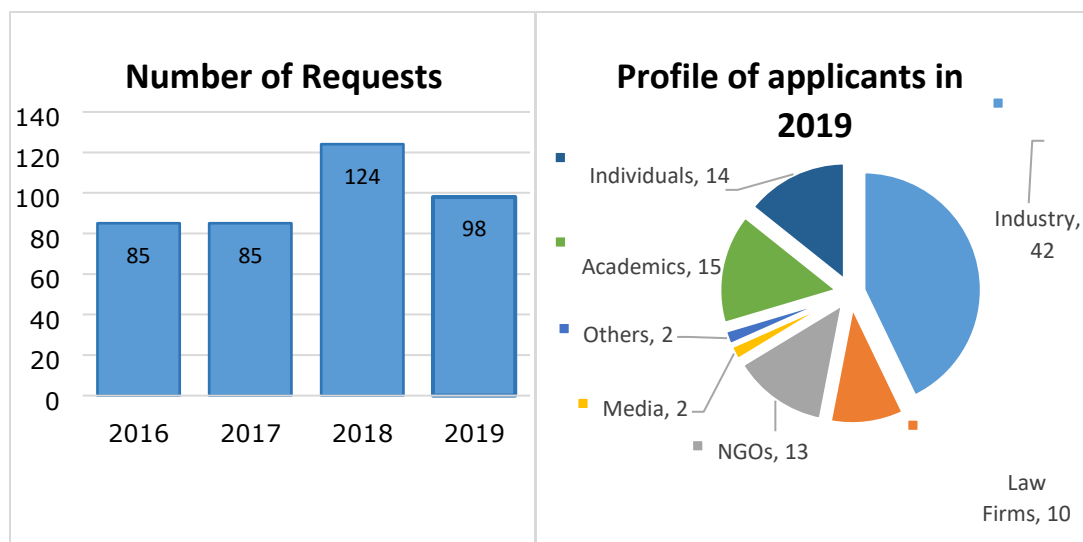


## ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AT ECHA – 2019 KEY FIGURES

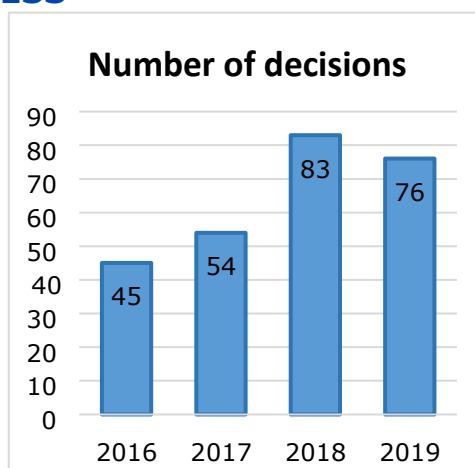
### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2019

In 2019, ECHA received 98 initial applications, and issued 76 decisions. In 21 instances, ECHA was able to refer the applicants to already publicly available information.



As in previous years, the profile of applicants demonstrated that rights under the ATD Regulation are mainly exercised by stakeholders with a professional interest in the work of ECHA. In 2019, 52% of all applications originated from industry and law firms.

### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



ECHA decided on 76 initial applications, amounting to 1124 documents. The most common reasons for partially redacting documents were the exceptions in Article 4 of the ATD Regulation referring to the protection of personal data and commercial interests. In most cases where access to documents was refused, the documents related to matters where a decision had not been taken by ECHA and their disclosure would have seriously undermined ECHA's decision-making process. In these latter cases, ECHA applied the exception referring to the protection of its ongoing decision-making process.

ECHA replied to two confirmatory applications (requests for ECHA to review its earlier decisions), in which it reviewed its initial decision to disclose information in the document requested that was redacted at initial stage in the first case on the basis of protection of commercial interests, and provided additional explanation on why it had adopted its contested decision in the second case as ECHA was not in possession of the requested document.