

ChemSec
The International Chemical Secretariat

NGO expectations of the authorisation process

Including presentation of SUBSPORT, a new web portal for substitution

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About ChemSec

- Working for a world free of hazardous chemicals
- Striving to bridge gaps: science, regulation, business
- Strategy: show the good examples!
- Founded in 2002
- Funding from governments and private foundations



ChemSec work right now

- Ensure an efficient implementation of REACH
- Offer SIN List and SUBSPORT to facilitate chemicals management in companies
- Work with financial investors on how to estimate financial risks on producing hazardous chemicals



Authorisation in perspective



- 5 years of REACH, with one of the major aims to drive substitution of hazardous chemicals
- ≈1500 estimated by the European Commission to fulfill SVHCs criteria
- 73 substances on the candidate list
- 14 substances on Annex XIV
- First sunset dates in 2014

➤ Need to speed up the process!



Creating an efficient process

Important points:

- Fully transparent process, otherwise third parties cannot make valid contributions
- Participation by all stakeholders
- Adequate control route not applicable on endocrine disrupting chemicals
- Protect workers and consumers



Transparency and third party contribution

- Relevance of third party contribution entirely dependent on the amount of information available and the time available to contribute
- Entire application should be publically available when accepted for processing
- Especially important for third parties to have access to:
 - Specific use information for process, sector and function.
 - The analysis of alternatives and what sources were used.
 - The socioeconomic analyses and its argumentation.
 - Exposure scenarios



Participation by stakeholders

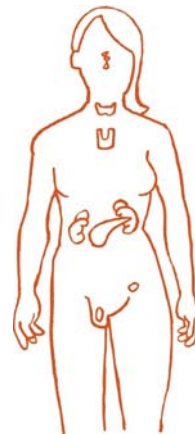
- This is new to everyone!
- An opportunity for industry to show their safer alternatives
- Driver for innovation
- ECHA should encourage and facilitate participation
- Assure that the overall goal is reached: substitution of hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives



Adequate Control Route

Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) must not be passed through adequate control route!

- Low dose and mixture effects are unpredictable
- EDCs should be treated as non-threshold CMRs and PBTs/vPvBs
- Apply to all substances identified to have PBT or EDC properties



Consumers and workers protection

- No authorisation granted when use intended for consumer products
- No authorisation granted when workers may be exposed



SUBSPORT



“Develop an internet portal that constitutes a state-of-the-art resource on safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals”



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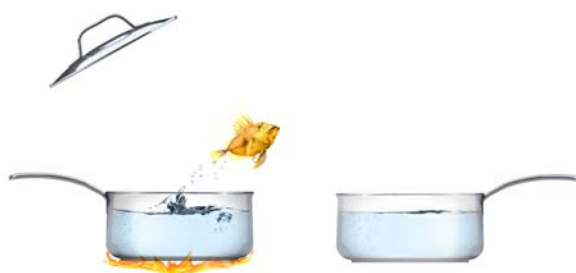




Moving towards safer alternatives

- Web portal with substitution information
- Training on substitution and alternatives assessment
- Database of alternatives and case stories

– LAUNCHED TOMORROW!



The Substitution Support Portal SUBSPORT



Contribution to the process:

Addressing the need for publicly available information on alternatives

Encouraging companies and organizations to share information on alternatives

Developing methods for alternatives assessment



SUBSPORT
Substitution Support Portal

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Latest News
SUBSPORT launch and publication of case story database
SUBSPORT Project News | 24.05.2012
The SUBSPORT portal has been officially launched, and an important part of the portal, the case story database, has been made public online. The case story database is an interactive tool to search for practical real-case substitution examples provided by companies and other stakeholders as well as examples and information on substitution options found in literature.
[Read more](#)

Support for Substitution
Substitution of hazardous chemicals is a fundamental measure to reduce risks to environment, workers, consumers and public health. Legislation encourages you to substitute, this site will show you how.
[Read more](#)

Substitution Steps
Substitution may be fast and easy or a more complex process. Generally it includes the following steps:
1. Define the problem
2. Set substitution criteria
3. Search for alternatives
4. Assess and compare alternatives
5. Experiment on pilot
6. Implement and improve
[Read more](#)

Search SUBSPORT

 Website
 Restricted and Priority Substances Database [link](#)
 Case story database [link](#)
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External substitution websites and databases

Your contribution
[Provide substitution examples](#)
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Financial Support by

Welcome on SUBSPORT the Substitution Support Portal!
Here you can find information to support your efforts in substituting hazardous substances. Enjoy exploring the portal and please do not hesitate to **contact** the project team for any comments or questions.

Concluding remarks

- An efficient process is dependent on: WHICH information is made available HOW and WHEN
- Stakeholders participation important
- EDCs cannot be adequately controlled
- Focus on protection of consumers and workers
- Need to speed up the substitution of hazardous chemicals!
- We offer SUBSPORT to support substitution and make information on alternatives available



Thanks for the attention!