

#1



COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)

Started: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:27:09 AM

Last Modified: Friday, May 27, 2016 2:42:57 PM

Time Spent: Over a month

IP Address:

PAGE 2: Part I – General Information about Respondents

Q1: Address

Contact name	John Harkin
Organisation/company	CEEMET
Country	Belgium
Email Address	

Q2: If you have a Transparency Register ID number, please provide it below. If your organisation is not registered, you have the opportunity to register now by following this link. If your entity responds without being registered, the Commission will consider its input as that of an individual/private person and, as such, will publish it separately.

61370904700-45

Q3: Received contributions may be published on the Commission's website, with the identity of the contributor. Please state your preference with regard to the publication of your contribution. Please note that regardless of the option chosen, your contribution may be subject to a request for access to documents under Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. In such cases, the request will be assessed against the conditions set out in the Regulation and in accordance with applicable data protection rules.

My contribution may be published under the name indicated; I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that prevent publication

Q4: We might need to contact you to clarify some of your answers. Please state your preference below:

I am available to be contacted

Q5: Please indicate whether you are replying to this questionnaire as:

An industry association

Q6: If a business or industry association, please indicate your field(s) of interest or activity(ies) - the letters in between brackets correspond to NACE codes [multiple choice]:

Other,
Other (please specify)
We represent manufacturers in the Metal Engineering and Technology sector

Q7: For businesses, please indicate the size of your business: The definition of small and medium-sized enterprises depends on the staff headcount and either the annual turnover or the balance sheet of the company. Please consult the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm

Micro-enterprise (under 10 employees)

Q8: Please indicate the level at which your organisation is active: EU

PAGE 3: Part II – General Questions

Q9: How important is it in your view that there is chemical and chemical-related legislation* at EU-level in order to achieve the following objectives? (1 = not important; 5= very important)*This comprises the chemical-related provisions in all legislation within the scope of this fitness check. It encompasses legislation governing hazard identification and classification, as well as risk management measures, including chemical-related aspects of legislation on worker safety, transport, environmental protection, chemicals controls and supporting legislation, excluding REACH. The full list of legislation can be found here.The internal market of the European Union (EU) is a single market in which the goods, services, capital and persons can move freely across borders. One of the key objectives of chemical and chemical-related legislation is to have a single market for chemical substances and mixtures, as well as products containing chemicals.**

Protecting human health	5
Protecting the environment	5
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market**	5
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	3

Q10: Do you think the EU chemical and chemical-related legislation has been effective in achieving the following objectives? (1= not effective, 5= very effective). Please only consider chemical-related provisions in the legislation.

Protecting human health	3
Protecting the environment	2
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market	3
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	1

Q11: If you think the EU chemical and chemical-related legislation is not effective (1) or only somewhat (2,3) effective, please indicate what you believe are the main reasons for this limited effectiveness in the following table:

Protecting human health	No opinion or not applicable
Protecting the environment	No opinion or not applicable
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market	No opinion or not applicable
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	No opinion or not applicable

Q12: To what extent do you consider that EU chemical and chemical-related legislation has had an added value above what could have been achieved through action at a national level? (1= no value, 5= a very high added value)

EU-level legislation adds value to national level action	3
--	---

PAGE 4: Part III - Specific Questions

Q13: For businesses and industry associations - Please select the legislation that regulates or otherwise affects Classification, labelling and packaging (Regulation No (EC) 1272/2008)

Consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)

your sector's or your company's activities. For other stakeholders - Please select the legislation you are familiar with.

Biocidal products (Regulation (EU) No 528/2012),
REACH, Annex XIII (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006),
,
Inland transport of dangerous goods (Directive 2008/68/EC)
,
Chemical Agents (Directive 98/24/EC),
Asbestos (Directive 2009/148/EC),
Carcinogens and mutagens at work (Directive 2004/37/EC)
,
Young people at work (Directive 1994/33/EC),
Pregnant workers (Directive 1992/85/EEC),
Signs at work (Directive 92/58/EEC),
Industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (Directive 2010/75/EU)
,
Waste framework (Directive 2008/98/EC) and List of Waste
,
Waste shipments (Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006),
Major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso) (Directive 2012/18/EU)
,
Water Framework (Directive 2000/60/EC),
Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (Directive 2011/65/EU)
,
End of life vehicles (Directive 2000/53/EC),
Batteries (Directive 2006/66/EC),
Packaging and Packaging Waste (Directive 94/62/EC)
,
Residues of pesticides (Regulation (EC) No 396/2005)
,
EU Ecolabel (Regulation (EC) 66/2010),
Drinking Water (Directive 98/83/EC),
Medical devices (Directive 93/42/EEC regarding medical devices, Directive 90/385/EEC regarding active implantable medical devices, and Directive 98/79/EC regarding in vitro diagnostic medical devices under revision)

devices, under revision,
,

Pressure equipment (Directive 2014/68/EU),

Food contact materials (Regulation (EC) No 10/2011
and Regulation (EC) No 450/2009)

,

General Product Safety (Directive 2001/95/EC)

PAGE 5: Effectiveness

Q14: In the EU legislative framework for chemicals, risk management measures are, in some cases, determined directly based on the identified hazard using generic risk considerations (e.g. widespread exposure or exposure of vulnerable groups), which justify the automatic adoption of such measures. In other cases, the risk management measures are determined by a specific risk assessment that assesses the probability of adverse health and environmental effects resulting from the specific exposure scenarios associated with the proposed use(s) of the chemical. In your view, do you think EU chemical and chemical-related legislation should, in general:

a. Be more oriented towards specific risk assessments (i.e. differentiate more between chemicals depending on their use despite the possibility of prolonged discussions and implementation delays)

,

If you answered a or b, please explain
The employer has an obligation to assess chemical risk for each work situation exposing employees to hazardous chemicals. This assessment is based on suppliers' data on the hazardous properties of products (SDS) but also and mainly on the knowledge of company stakeholders on the processes and procedures in each company. Only the employer can make this appropriate assessment and not the supplier of chemicals through the SDS exposure scenarios.

Q15: In your view, apart from the hazard and/or risk of a chemical substance or mixture, are all relevant considerations taken into account in regulatory decision making on risk management (e.g. whether there will be combined effects of chemicals, whether there are certain vulnerable groups, whether there will be impacts on jobs or on the competitiveness of EU industry, etc.)? Please explain your answer.

No,

If you answered no, please explain which considerations are not (sufficiently) taken into account and, if relevant, explain which legislation you are referring to.
To date, it is difficult to know the combined effects of chemicals on health. However, the prevention and protection measures are taken in relation to the hazard and risks analysis associated with each product. Focus on prevention must be the priority for the decision-makers as regards workers' protection. However, this priority must be reconciled with the performance of companies to ensure competitiveness.

Q16: In your view, to what extent are the following elements of the overall EU legislative framework for chemicals satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory, 5= very satisfactory)

Transparency of procedures	2
Speed with which hazards/risks are identified	3
Speed with which identified risks are addressed	3
Time to allow duty holders to adapt	2
Predictability of the outcomes	2
Stability of the legal framework	4
Clarity of the legal texts	3
Guidance documents and implementation support	2
Effective implementation and enforcement across Member States	3
Consistent implementation and enforcement across Member States	1
Public awareness and outreach	3
International collaboration and harmonisation	2

Please explain your answers and list any other aspect you consider relevant. If you have specific legislation in mind, please specify it.

• The procedures of the EU legislative framework are not or little known. • By using a risk management approach we deal with the bigger problems first and then we deal with a hazard and risks. • EU legislation should be made more understandable in order to ensure its effective implementation. • The guidance documents are often too complex for micro, small and medium sized enterprises. • There is uneven application in the Member States. • We need to harmonise national implementation in order to facilitate international trade.

Q17: In your view, to what extent are the following elements of risk management satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory, 5= very satisfactory)

Hazard identification criteria	4
Risk assessment and characterisation	2
Hazard and risk communication measures to consumers (e.g. labels, pictograms, etc.)	2
Hazard and risk communication measures to workers (e.g. labels, pictograms, safety data sheets etc.)	2
Risk management measures restricting or banning the use of chemicals	2
Risk management measures regulating the safe use of chemicals (e.g. packaging requirements or requirements for the use of personal protective equipment)	5

If you answered 1, 2 or 3 above and would like to provide further information (in particular on specific pieces of legislation), please explain your answers.

• 17.3 – lack of consumer awareness on reading labels (domestic accidents). • 17.4 – downstream users are subject to the willingness of providers to transmit the updated SDS, as they are not always understandable for micro and SMEs. There are difficulties to obtain SDSs on request. • 17.5 – we need to take into account business competitiveness on a global scale.

Q18: Safety data for chemicals is subject to quality requirements, notably Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), aimed at ensuring the reliability and reproducibility of the data. Do you consider these requirements to be appropriate?

I don't know

PAGE 6: Efficiency

Q19: In your view, what are the most significant benefits generated for EU society by the EU chemical and chemical related legislation? (one or more answers possible)

Reducing the exposure of consumers and of citizens in general to toxic chemicals and, therefore, avoiding healthcare costs, lost productivity, etc.

,

Reducing the exposure of workers to toxic chemicals and, therefore, avoiding healthcare costs, lost productivity, etc.

,

Reducing the damage to the environment and to ecosystems and, therefore, avoiding the costs of treating contaminated water, restoring impacted fisheries, cleaning-up of contaminated land, compensating for reduced crop pollinisation, etc.

,

Stimulating competition and trade within the EU single market

Consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)

Q20: In your view, what are the most significant costs incurred by EU society due to EU chemical and chemical related legislation? (one or more answers possible)

Costs for authorities at EU level ,
Costs for authorities at national level ,
Costs for small and medium sized enterprises ,
Costs for large enterprises

Q21: In your view, do any of the following requirements in the legislative framework lead to significant costs for companies?

Classification requirements for substances and mixtures
,
Risk management measures under the different legislation
,
Understanding and keeping up-to-date with changes in legal requirements
,
Inspections and administrative requirements

Q22: Are there specific requirements in the EU chemicals legislative framework which lead to particularly significant costs for authorities?

No

PAGE 7: Relevance

Q23: To what extent has the EU legislative framework for chemicals contributed to a reduction in the number and/or use of hazardous chemicals and/or their substitution with safer alternatives? (1= no contribution, 5= a large contribution)

Framework has led to a reduction in the number and/or use of hazardous chemicals and/or their substitution with safer alternatives

I don't know

Q24: To what extent does the existing EU legislative framework sufficiently address emerging areas of concern, e.g. arising from advances in science and technology? (1= emerging areas of concern are not sufficiently addressed, 5 = emerging areas of concern are sufficiently addressed)

Novel areas of concern sufficiently addressed by framework

I don't know

PAGE 8: Coherence

Q25: Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements relating to the EU chemicals legislation framework overall

The EU chemicals legislation framework contains gaps and missing links

Neutral

The EU chemicals legislation framework has overlaps

Strongly Agree

The EU chemicals legislation framework is internally inconsistent

Agree

Q26: Please indicate any incoherence (gaps or missing links, overlaps, inconsistencies etc.) between the different pieces of legislation which are under the scope of this fitness check. Please only consider aspects related to hazard identification, risk assessment and risk management of chemicals. The legislation covered by this fitness check can be found here.

Respondent skipped this question

Q27: Please indicate any incoherence (gaps or missing links, overlaps, inconsistencies etc.) between legislation which are covered by this fitness check and any other legislation you consider relevant as regards the regulation and risk management of chemicals.

Limit values co-exist, DNEL, OEL (European & National). There is need for harmonisation and consistency, OELs vary from country to country.

PAGE 9: Part IV: Specific questions on the CLP Regulation

Q28: CLP communicates hazards to workers and consumers through various label elements, including danger words, pictograms, hazard statements and precautionary statements. (1= not effective; 5= very effective)

To what extent are CLP labels effective in communicating hazards to workers? 3

To what extent are CLP labels effective in communicating hazards to consumers? 3

Q29: Do the hazard classes in the CLP Regulation cover all relevant hazards?

Environmental	I don't know
Physical	I don't know
Human health	I don't know

Q30: How effective is the support to companies through formal guidance documents and national helpdesks? (1= not effective; 5= very effective)

Guidance documents 2

Helpdesks 3

Industry association guidance and materials 4

Other (training, conferences, etc.) 4

Please add further details as necessary
The guidance documents and national helpdesks are not always SME orientated, and sometimes are unknown to them. Trade association give targeted local support.

Q31: To what extent is CLP enforced in a harmonised manner across Member States? I don't know

Q32: To what extent are the current elements relating to the CLP classification criteria satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory; 5= very satisfactory)

Ease of implementation for duty holders	1
Appropriateness of classification criteria and methods for substances	I don't know
Appropriateness of classification criteria and methods for mixtures	I don't know
International harmonisation through the Globally Harmonised System (GHS)	3
If you answered 1, 2 or 3 and would like to provide further information, please explain your answer	Downstream users rarely have to classify their products except for mixtures made in the company. In this case, they have no alternative but to subcontract to competent agencies to implement this complex process without being able to check the quality of the service.

Q33: CLP is revised on a regular basis through adaptations to technical progress. Do transitional periods allow sufficient time to implement new or revised classification criteria?

Transition period is too long ,

Please elaborate if you answered that the transition period is too short or too long.
SDS update hardly follows the evolution of product classifications. This is problematic for downstream users in the management of chemicals and prevention.

Q34: To what extent are the current elements of the procedures for harmonised classification & labelling (CLH) satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory; 5= very satisfactory)

Transparency of the procedures	1
Involvement of stakeholders	2
Quality of scientific data and related information	3
Speed of the procedure	3

PAGE 10: Part V: Additional comments

Q35: In case you have any additional comments with relevance for this public consultation, please insert them here.

On question 11, the question proposed in the questionnaire is too narrow. There is a heavy cost being borne by chemical companies and by downstream users, by industry. The benefit is being felt in the health care services. Our members are only confronted with the problems and see little benefits from this legislation. On question 20, see also response on question 11.