



Conclusions of Workshop on New Risk Assessment Guidelines for Consumer Products

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The new RA procedure

- Important to get the risk right!
- All kinds of information welcome
 - Assess quality of information
 - Uncertainty
 - Confidentiality
 - Public data bases required

Convergence of RA procedures

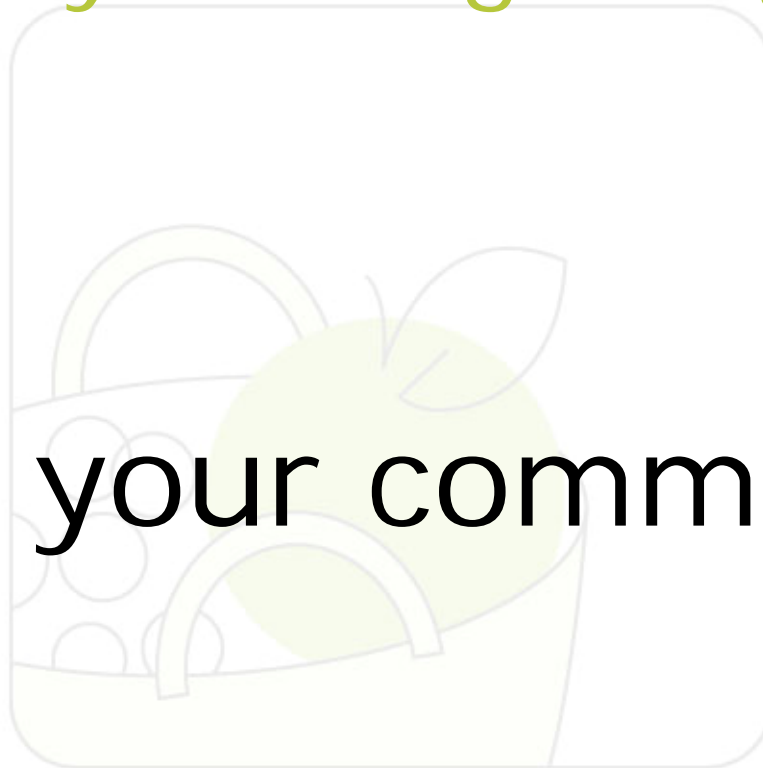
- Total convergence of chemical and physical RA probably not possible
- Better convergence of terminology needed
- New RAGs will not erase national perceptions of risk, but provide more transparency

What about the consequences of the new RAGs?

- Potential decrease of Art. 12 notifications?
- Therefore reconsider risk management?
- Reconsider information to consumers?

This is only the beginning

Please your comments!



Product safety is high on the agenda

“Measuring risk ... is an empirical scientific activity,
judging safety – judging the acceptability of risks – is a normative, political activity”

W. Lowrence, 1976

Thank you for your attention!

