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Unit 5 “Chemicals, Notification and Authorisation“

Topics

- Communication activities to inform companies on pre-registration
- How can SMEs be reached?
- Helpdesk / support to industry
- Foreseen way forward in collaborating with industry
- Enforcement

Communication activities to inform companies on pre-registration

Information via **Internet** (<http://www.reach-helpdesk.de/>)

Answer questions of enterprises via phone and email

Expert **meetings/consultations** with companies

Workshops

Giving talks at chambers of industry and commerce etc.

Information via Internet

Aim: to provide simple access to general REACH information

Currently available:

- **Decision tree** on whether REACH is concerning a company;
- Information on **pre-registration**;
- Introduction on **DU-obligations**;
- Short guidance on **naming and identification of substances** under REACH;
- **Glossary** and **links** to other organisations
- **Ca. 70 FAQs**
- **Contact data for individual support** (Tel.-Nr., e-mail, Fax)

Information via Internet

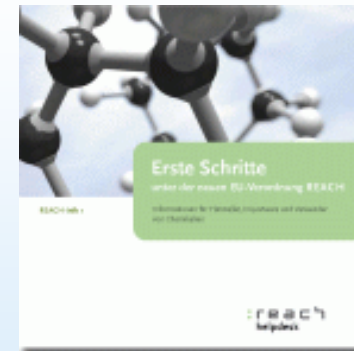
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the REACH-Helpdesk website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.reach-helpdesk.de/nn_64754/de/Startseite.html__nnn=true. The website has a green header with the 'reach helpdesk' logo on the left and navigation links for 'HILFE', 'KONTAKT', 'INHALTSVERZEICHNIS', and 'IMPRESSUM' in the center. A language selector is set to 'DEUTSCH' with 'ENGLISH' as an option. On the right, there are search buttons: 'SUCHE STARTEN' and 'ERWEITERTE SUCHE'. Below the header, a sidebar on the left contains a menu with items like 'Aktuelles', 'Was geht mich REACH an?', 'Themen von A-Z', 'REACH-Verordnung und Leitlinien', 'Häufig gestellte Fragen zu REACH', 'Glossar', 'Links', 'Veranstaltungen', and 'Broschüren'. The main content area features a welcome message: 'Willkommen beim REACH-Helpdesk der Bundesbehörden' and a section titled 'Was ist REACH?' which explains that REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals. Below this is another section 'Was ist REACH-Helpdesk?' with a molecular structure image. To the right, there are two boxes: one for ECHA (European Agency for Chemicals) and one for BAuA (Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health). The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including Internet Explorer, Microsoft Word, and Personal Transla...

Information via Internet

Information about pre-registration:

- Short pdf-information: technical of the pre-registration
- FAQs about pre-registration
- Links to workshops
- Information about pre-registration in the REACH Helpdesk

Brochure “First steps under REACH”



How can SMEs be reached?

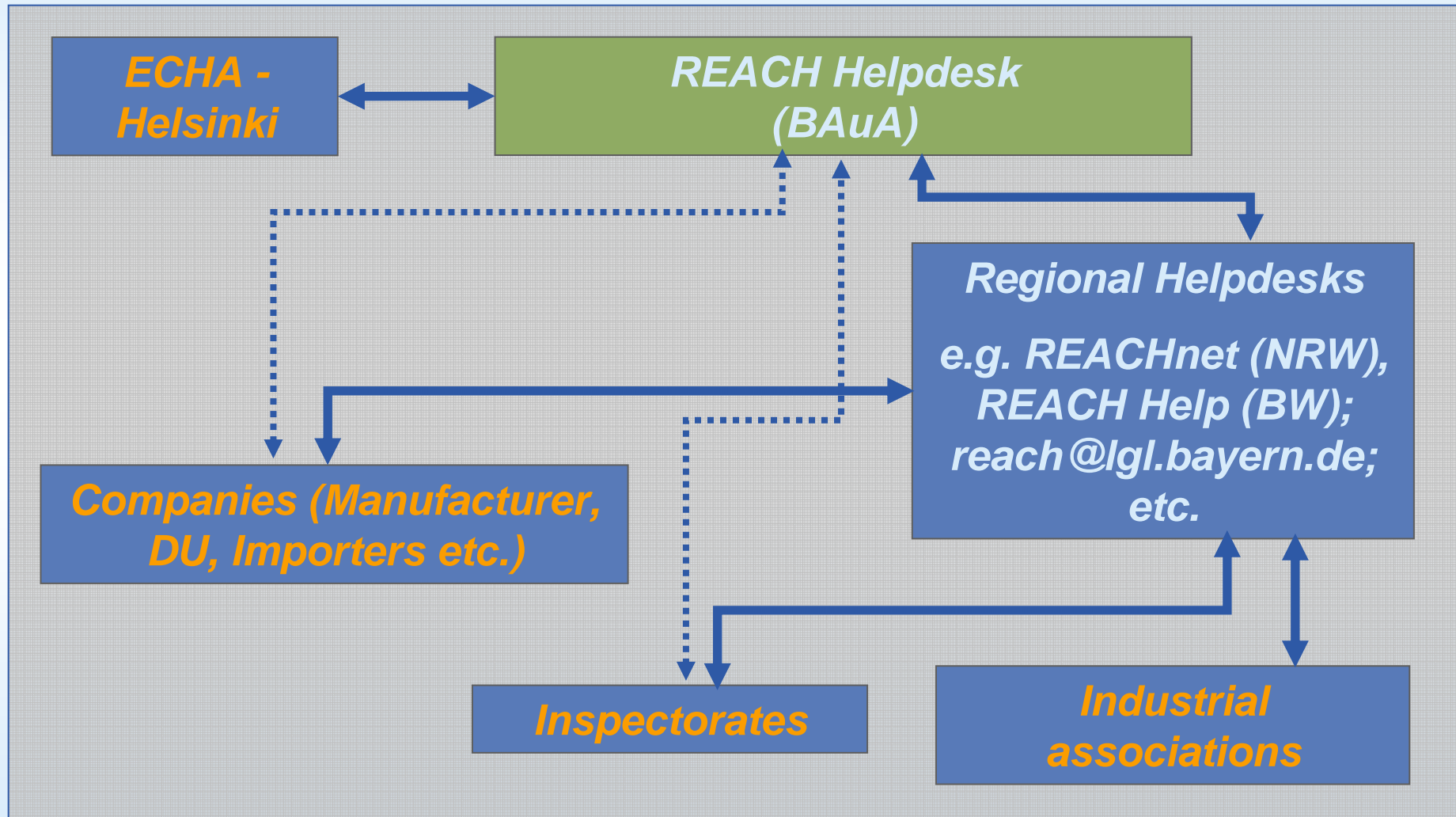
Experience from NONS:

- SMEs contact usually **Chambers of industry and commerce (Industrie und Handelskammer - IHKs)**
- IHKs prepare answers / information and contact **federal states ministries (“Länder”)**
- only in specific cases, **federal institutions**, i.e. Competent Authority (CA) were contacted directly by SMEs relating to current chemicals legislation

How can SMEs be reached?

- networking with “**IHKs / Länder**” as well as intensified SME support
- Talks to **chambers of industry and commerce**, national associations, etc. (2007 about 70)
- REACH information events (e.g. workshop about pre-registration 2007, IUCLID 5)
- Expert meetings on demand (2007: ca. 25)

Co-operation Federal - Regional level



Foreseen way forward in collaborating with industry

Further workshops in the BAuA planned for 2008 and 2009

Co-operation of the BAuA in workshop row under leadership of the UBA

further support of meetings of the IHKs and of federations by lectures and discussion

Enforcement

German Federal Authorities do not enforce in factories and at production sites

Enforcement is in the sovereignty of the Länder (Federal Countries, e.g. Bavaria, Saxony,...)

cooperation between federal authorities and regional authorities (e.g. regular meetings)

- Information letter about REACH for SMEs, especially pre registration and foreseen enforcement
- workshop for inspectors