

REACH – REFIT Evaluation



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REACH Review 2017



- **Mandatory obligation** in REACH and CLP Regulations to review every five years the functioning of REACH and CLP
 - Hence in 2017 the second review will take place
 - **One year before**, ECHA publishes its evaluation
 - **Two years before**, all Member States send in their evaluation

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- Upgraded to be part of the REFIT exercise
 - REFIT Evaluation inputs
 - Effectiveness
 - Efficiency
 - Relevance
 - Coherence
 - EU added value

REFIT



- In parallel with the REACH Review REFIT exercise
- Fitness Check on the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)
- **The last one started earlier but will end later**
- According to the latest statements of the Commission we can expect the Commission communication and staff working documents:
 - End of 2017 for the REACH Review REFIT
 - End Q1 2018 for the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)

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- Next to the mandatory contributions from ECHA and Member States
- Additional contributions take place
 - 17 Studies **have been done or are running or just kicked off**
 - A public consultation took place

Cefic contribution to the public consultation



- Some basic considerations
 - Despite 10 years of REACH in June 2017 **still early day**
 - The last deadline with more substances and **much** more SME's still has to come
 - Substance evaluation only started in 2012 and seen the time needed for higher tier testing the first round is not finished yet
 - For authorisation the **first latest** application date was in 2013
 - We learn quickly, but still in a learning phase

Cefic contribution to the public consultation



- REACH is functioning relatively well
 - Authorities indicate that quality was expected to be better
 - But huge exercise done by industry in **time** of economic crisis
- REACH delivers but there are clearly possibilities to reduce the burden for EU industry
 - What can be done more for SME's in view of the 2018 registration deadline?
 - How to make authorisation fit for purpose for smaller companies in Europe?
 - How to create the level playing field for EU manufacturers of articles?

The broader picture



- REACH Review REFIT
- Fitness check chemicals legislation (except REACH)
- The circular economy
- The non-toxic environment

- **Many topics are jointly in the picture**

Joint reaction of social partners



- What can we do together to maintain:
 - A high level of protection of human health and environment
 - A healthy European manufacturing industry

