



Study supporting the Fitness Check on the most relevant chemicals legislation

4 May 2017 Stakeholder workshop – Renaissance Brussels Hotel

Introduction

As part of its Better Regulation agenda, the European Commission is conducting a Fitness Check of the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH) as part of the REFIT programme.

The Fitness Check aims to assess the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and EU added value of the legislative framework for the risk management of chemicals. It will identify excessive administrative burdens, overlaps, gaps, inconsistencies and/or obsolete measures.

In particular, the Fitness Check will examine the current use of, and balance between, hazard-based risk management approaches and specific risk assessment (SRA) approaches. This will be assessed against the four overarching objectives of policy:

1. Ensuring a high level of protection of human health.
2. Ensuring a high level of protection of the environment.
3. Ensuring the efficient functioning of the Internal Market.
4. Enhancing competitiveness and innovation.

The Fitness Check will promote better legislation, making it more responsive to current and future challenges and help improve implementation.

The study will supplement an earlier Fitness Check study on the regulatory fitness of the legislative framework governing the risk management of chemicals (excluding REACH), in particular the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation¹ and related legislation.

The scope of the current study is to examine the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation other than CLP, and in particular the use of specific risk assessments not linked to CLP. It will also

address the links between hazard identification outside of CLP and the determination of risk management measures. This will help identify the circumstances where risk management approaches based on generic risk considerations are best applied and where risk management approaches based on specific risk assessment are best applied.

Objective of the workshop

The objective of this workshop is to gather stakeholders' inputs on how the current chemicals regulatory framework is functioning. With a particular focus on provisions and legislation other than that linked to the CLP regulation. This will build upon the desk research and interviews also being carried out as part of the study. The workshop is targeted at participants with expertise in risk assessment procedures and risk management approaches associated with relevant chemicals legislation.

The aim is to collect and compile evidence of (rather than simply opinion on) what is working well, what is not working so well, what the inconsistencies are and what potential there is for improvement. The discussion will use specific regulatory examples to explore key themes and enable broad insights into the coherence, consistency, effectiveness and efficiency in the use of specific risk assessment and risk management measures. The focus is not to evaluate the specific pieces of legislation, as these are addressed by separate processes outside the scope of this study and workshop.

The workshop will bring together senior representatives from the European Commission, Member State officials, industry and civil society to enable a comprehensive and inclusive discussion of these issues. In doing so the workshop will contribute significantly to the findings of the study and, ultimately, the fitness

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<http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/21664/attachments/1/translations/>



check that will strongly influence the relevant legislation in future.

Workshop outline and breakout session topics

The workshop will be centred around two breakout sessions where key issues of relevance to the fitness check will be discussed. Further specific details on these issues will be provided prior to the event.

The discussions will take the form of World Café style breakout sessions. Two sessions will take place during the day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Participants will be able to select the specific discussion sub-groups in which they wish to participate throughout the course of the day.

A broad event outline is provided below, exact times and content may still vary in advance of the event.

Time	Activity
8.45	Registration
9.00	Introduction (DG ENV)
9.20	Presentation of study (Contractor)
9.40	Presentation of Fitness Check 'First Study' - study focus and key findings (DG GROW)
10.00	Scene setting presentation – pros and cons of specific risk assessment (SRA) approaches
10.30	Introduction to morning breakout sessions
10.50	Drinks break – tea & coffee
11.10	Morning breakout sessions
12.20	Lunch
13.20	Feeding back on morning breakout sessions and plenary discussion
14.20	Introduction to afternoon breakout sessions
14.40	Afternoon breakout sessions.
15.40	Drinks break – tea & coffee
16.00	Feeding back on afternoon breakout sessions and plenary discussion
17.00	Workshop conclusions
17.30	Workshop close

Each set of breakout sessions will be preceded by an introduction, and will be followed-up by a session feeding back from the breakout sessions and with an opportunity for discussion in the plenary session.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop. For further information please contact the event organiser:

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Note: this study and the workshop is being carried out on behalf of the European Commission DG Environment by a consortium led by Amec Foster Wheeler and including Technopolis Group and Trinomics