

ESIG Stakeholder “Solvents and the Green Deal” – 3: The Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS)

Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability – where do we stand? - Presentation by DG ENVI

(Sylvain Bintein - Circular Economy - Safe & Sustainable Chemicals) on (pre-) selected aspects of the CSS

- **CLP proposals**
 - a) Delegated act for new hazard classes for (ED, PBT, vPvB, PMT, vPvM) – guidance to be developed in PBT expert group, & further work via UN GHS to set example globally
 - b) Ordinary legislative procedure to adequately classify of critically hazardous chemicals & improve hazard communication - includes a new definition for “multi-constituent substances” and related classification implications
- **REACH revision** – with focus on role of NAMs, GRA & reforms of the restriction reform
- **SSbD** – expected application & impact
- **Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) vs Substance of Concern (SoC)**
- **OSOA** – allocation of responsibilities & the work on data

Solvents specific “breakdown” & main challenges

ESIG provided a brief overview of its activities, highlighting the extensive work done on promoting the safe use of solvents, even beyond the regulatory requirements:

- Solvents@work materials promoting the safe use of solvents at work developed together with the UK Solvents Industry Association (SIA): best practice guides, educational posters and films in several EU languages;
- Continuous updates and improvement of Generic Exposure Scenarios (GES) with the latest information available such as ‘use maps’ and SWED codes. GES are the industry standard to ensure REACH compliance;
- Providing an extensive Human Exposure database with detailed information on exposure measurements from the literature (industrial & professional) published over the past 22 years (from 1998 until today);
- New project 2023: robot study to mimic consumer exposure (paints).

A **Panel** bringing together company representatives from the value chain (manufacturer, distributor, industrial and professional end user) and the EU Commission representative discussed the challenges for their solvent sector, touching upon questions such as:

- How they are preparing for the CLP & REACH revisions & other regulatory challenges
- Search for alternatives and challenges for finding substitutes
- Safe Use Communication : safety training and OSH requirements are generally better understood than CSR
- Essential uses

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