

Use Maps package

Files developed by sector associations to document their sector uses and typical conditions of use (Use maps, SWEDs, SPERCs, SCEDs) have already started to become available for [download from the ECHA's Use maps library](#).

Registrants use available use maps developed by the downstream user sectors to prepare their chemical safety assessments under REACH.

Cefic is strongly supporting this initiative and will actively promote the Use maps library among its members.

Manual TCC

On 3 February ECHA has published additional information about the Manual verification on completeness check. The additional manual checks of certain elements of the registration dossier that cannot be checked automatically. ECHA will not assess the quality of information at this point, but rather ensure that the required data is provided.

ECHA has also published the [first results obtained after the application of the new completeness check rules adopted on 26 June/2016](#).

Data Sharing guidance

Since 5 January 2016, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/9 on Joint Submission of data and Data sharing, its provides rules on how data should be shared and how negotiations for data sharing should be conducted under REACH, within the same SIEF and between different SIEFs for phase-in substances and between multiple registrants of the same non-phase-in substances.

On January 2017, ECHA has published the updated ["Guidance on Data Sharing"](#).

IT-Tools for the Registration process

Since 31 January 2017, IUCLID 6 version 1.2.0 is available for free downloading in the IUCLID6 website.

Three main functionalities have been incorporated: IUCLID hyperlinks, a DNEL calculator and a public API.

The new version is fully compatible with previous IUCLID 6 versions. On 2 February, ECHA webinar ["Presentation of IUCLID6 version 1.2"](#).

ECHA Letter campaign on 162 shortlisted substances

ECHA has selected 162 substances from REACH registrations for further manual examination by the Member State competent.

The selection is based on an automated IT screening focusing on CMR, PBT and vPvB, ED, Sensitising or STOT RE properties.

ECHA has sent informative letters to those companies that have registered substances shortlisted. ECHA encourages the registrants to update their dossiers to address any shortcomings as soon as possible.

On 14 February ECHA webinar ["How are substances screened and shortlisted?"](#)

Substance in a low tonnage (Q&A)

On 2 February a new entry has been included on the ECHA Q&As under Data Sharing "General Questions", related to the [requirements for registrants of a substance in a low tonnage band and its contribution to the cost sharing](#).

Testing strategies changes

[Chapter R.7a: Endpoint specific guidance \(Dec 2016, v.5.0\)](#) of the Guidance on information requirements; gives advice on [how to use non-animal test methods for skin corrosion/irritation, serious eye damage/eye irritation and skin sensitization](#).

The guidance introduces additional information on alternative methods and clarifies when and how to use them for REACH purposes

ECHA encourages Registrants to consider the changes before submitting the registration dossiers, otherwise the dossiers will not pass the completeness check.

How to consider a read-across approach for multi-constituent and UVCB substances

A new document on using read-across for multi-constituent and UVCB substances describes key issues for assessing and addressing the complexity of read-across approaches for these substances. Furthermore, it contains example model cases to illustrate this complexity.

https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13630/raaf_uvcb_report_en.pdf/3f79684d-07a5-e439-16c3-d2c8da96a316

E-cards sent to 2018 pre-registrants

ECHA has sent out electronic cards through email to around 18 000 pre-registrants with no prior registrations, lead registrants and members of joint submissions

reminding them of the 31 May 2018 deadline. The cards are now also available online.

IUCLID 5 website closing

The IUCLID 5 website will be shut down permanently from 30th of March 2017 onwards.

The relevant content has been transferred to the IUCLID 6 website. Before the closure, IUCLID 5 website users are invited to download any additional information they may need.

Reminder: Last call to pre-register your chemicals

To benefit from the extended deadline for registering existing, low volume chemicals by the last REACH registration deadline, you need to have pre-registered your substance with ECHA. If you manufacture or import a substance for the first time at or above 1 to 100 tons per year, and your substance is not a known carcinogen, mutagen or toxic to reproduction, you can still pre-register within six months of starting the activity, and at the latest by 31 May 2017 – one year before the deadline.

IUCLID 6 version 1.3.0 is available

A new service release for IUCLID is available. It brings improvements and bug fixes, but also three new features: a PNEC calculator, re-use of the dossier header and the Report manager.

ECHA have also launched the IUCLID LinkedIn group which will be a collaborative space for IUCLID users to discuss and provide feedback on the latest IUCLID developments and on the usage of the application.

IUCLID Cloud Services

In the trial service, companies can either use the IUCLID Cloud application to import and view your substance and dossier datasets or launch the IUCLID Cloud client (traditional IUCLID that stores data in the cloud) to edit datasets. The IUCLID Cloud for SMEs, with all functionalities to prepare and validate a complete dossier online, will be available in July 2017. A guided SMEs support for dossier creation in the IUCLID Cloud will be included in the service by the end of 2017.

REACH-IT updated and open for submissions

REACH-IT has been updated on Tuesday 25 April. From now on, requests for alternative chemical names in mixtures under the CLP Regulation can only be submitted through the tool. The last major update of REACH-IT before the 2018 deadline is expected to be in October 2017.

REACH-IT integrated support - translations available

REACH-IT now includes integrated support material in 23 EU languages. Companies can change the language by going to the General settings and clicking on the user icon at the top of the screen.

The Discover REACH-IT short guide helps to introduce companies to REACH-IT and is also available in 23 languages.

REACH registrants survey – reply by 12 May

ECHA is conducting a study to examine the challenges and incentives for updating dossiers and to identify best practice that could help companies improve their data. This is done as part of ECHA's efforts to maximize the availability of high

quality data to enable the safe manufacture and use of chemicals.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ECHASTudy>

Lead registrant list updated

ECHA has recently updated the list of substances for which a lead registrant has been declared in REACH-IT. It now includes over 10 000 substances that have a joint submission and are either already registered or going to be registered for the REACH 2018 deadline. It gives only the name of the Lead Registrant, if accepted.

Data on 15 000 chemicals now available to use

ECHA publishes information on around 15 000 chemical substances registered under REACH on its website. This information covers the intrinsic properties of each substance and their impact on human health and the environment. The data comes directly from companies who make or import the substances and have registered them with ECHA. REACH study results is a collection of non-confidential substance data that was submitted to ECHA under the REACH regulation.

<https://iuclid6.echa.europa.eu/reach-study-results>

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