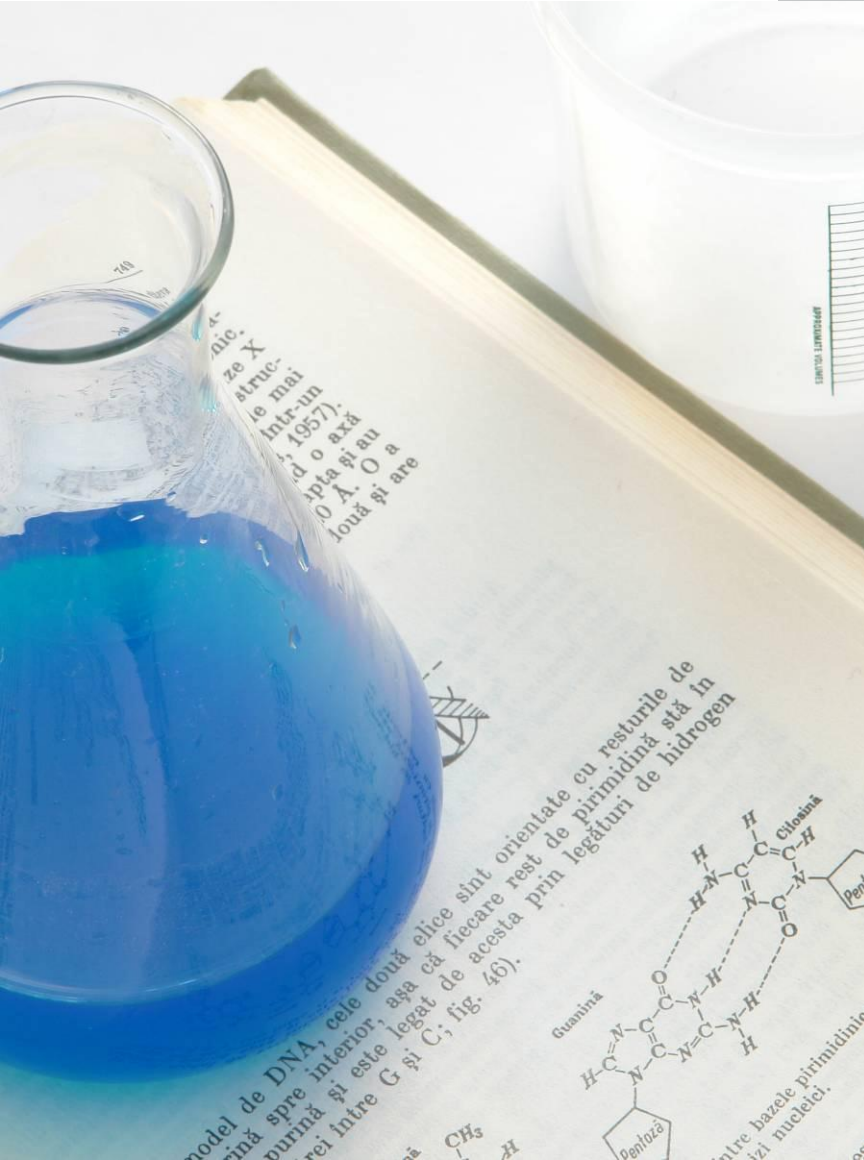




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COM Project – “The potential impact on industrial competitiveness of restrictions on certain CMR 1A and 1B substances in articles”

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Background for the project

- REACH foresees a simplified/accelerated restriction procedure under Art. 68(2):
 - Direct COM proposal
 - No involvement of RAC and SEAC
- It may apply to CMR cat. 1A and 1B in articles that could be used by consumers
- This procedure is proposed by COM for the first time to restrict 8 PAHs that can be found in consumer articles
- COM and MS believe that there is a need for criteria on how to apply Art. 68(2) (discussed in CARACAL)
- Before formulating the criteria: building experience on specific substances

Objectives of the project

What this project **is not**:

- It is not a study to select substances for a restriction procedure according to Art. 68.2 of REACH

What this project **is**:

- We want to use some case studies to understand
 - When to use Art. 68(2)
 - What kind of information we would need to consider

Status and timeline of the project

- A contract with ICF International was signed in December 2012
- The final report is due by November 2013 and it will be presented to CARACAL members in November

First part of the project

- The Commission, in collaboration with ECHA, prepared a list of 44 CMRs 1A-1B potentially present in consumers' articles
- ICF consulted stakeholders on this initial list
- From this list, COM, with the help of ECHA, has selected 13 substances for a more detailed analysis on socio-economic aspects

Second part of the project (1)

- On the basis of the information collected in the first part of the project, the Commission, with the collaboration of ECHA, has selected 13 substances
- Socio-economic aspects will be investigated:
 - Impact of a possible restriction on main actors: manufacturers (substances and articles), formulators, downstream users, consumers
 - Impact in the EU and/or in relation to third countries
 - Cost/benefit analysis
 - Social impacts (loss/gain of jobs)

Second part of the project (2)

- Substances selected:
 - Substances in Annex XIV: the main objective is to investigate the possibility to use Art. 68(2) for a possible restriction on use in consumer articles
 - Non registered substances that might be present in consumer articles
 - Substances that are present in consumer articles, including
 - Cases with low potential for consumer exposure and high socio-economic impact
 - Cases with substances present in many articles, possible exposure, high socio-economic impact

Second part of the project (3)

- The consultant is contacting the stakeholders for the substances selected for phase 2
- Data collection will continue during the months of June and July
- Questionnaires and ad-hoc interviews will be used
- If you are contacted, please provide the available data and contact details of other relevant stakeholders (for example, downstream users, importers, etc.).

Expected outcome of the project

- The main objective of the project is to gather experience on practical examples and suggest some initial criteria for identifying substances for a restriction procedure following Art. 68(2)
 - Which information could indicate if a substance is or isn't a good candidate for this procedure? Information on exposure and socio-economic impact? Any other factors to be considered?
- The criteria proposed by the consultant will be used by COM as a thought starter

Any question?

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