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EU Inspection Project "REACH – EN – FORCE 2" Results and Lessons

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Coordinated Enforcement of ECHA Forum

- ECHA Forum as a network of Member State Enforcement Authorities established under REACH and CLP
- All Member States and EEA countries (in total 31 countries) are represented
- One major pillar of Forum tasks is the coordination of enforcement in form of individual enforcement actions (projects)



Coordinated Enforcement of ECHA Forum

ECHA Forum enforcement activities:

- REACH-EN-FORCE projects (1, 2 and 3)
- Pilot projects
 - on specific obligations or rules (e.g. a specific restriction like PAH)
 - on specific procedures (e.g. communication interlinks)
- Enforcement cooperation with ECHA on "evaluation –type" activities such as:
 - REACH evaluation decisions
 - intermediate screening
 - nano form of registered chemicals
 - revocation of registration numbers



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Report on REACH-ENFORCE-2 "REF-2"



Forum REACH-EN-FORCE 2 Project Report

Obligation of downstream users - formulators of mixtures

Report available (soon also with an update for additional details):

http://www.echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13577/forum_report_ref2_en.pdf



General aim of REF-2

Companies having a role of a downstream user / formulator:

- REACH registration status of substances used
- CLP notification duty of substances used
- Implementation of risk management measures on-site
- Information down the supply chain
 (REACH Art 31 & 32)



General aim of REF-2

Information down the supply chain in Safety Data Sheets (SDS):

- Management and handling of own SDS
- Implementing quality requirements in own SDS
- Quality of information in own SDS



General information on REF-2

Inspections: Mai 2011 – March 2012

Member states participating: 29 (from 30)*

Inspections conducted: 1181

Substances checked: 6907

Mixtures checked: 4484

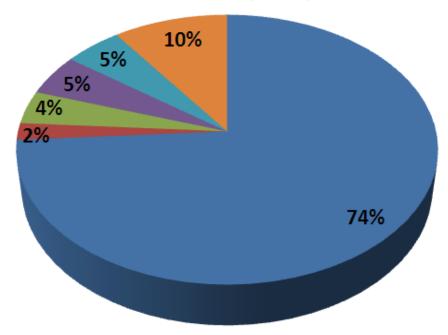
SDSs checked: 4496

* Croatia at that time no Member State



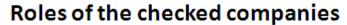
Companies' economic activities

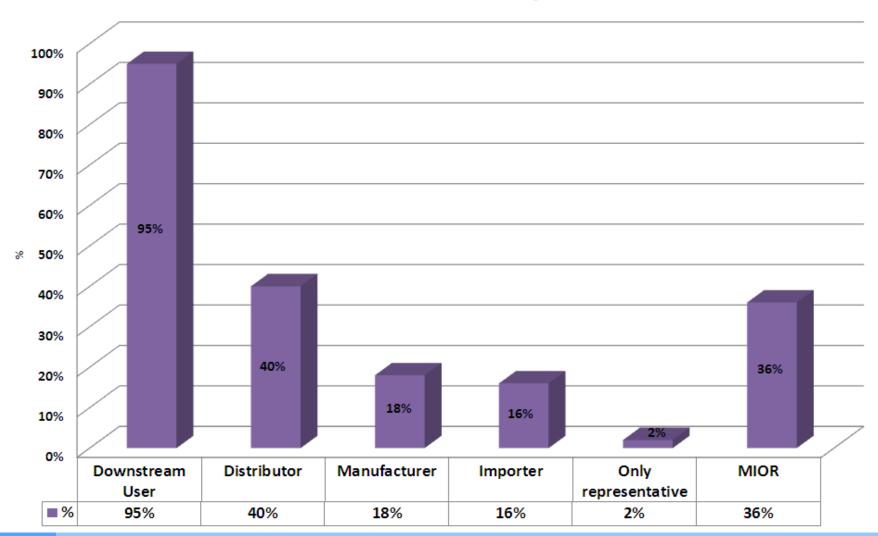
Checked companies according to the statistical classification of economic activities (NACE)



- NACE Division Number 20 Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (870)
- NACE Division Number 21 Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (19)
- NACE Division Number 23 Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (44)
- NACE Division Number 24 Manufacture of basic metals (61)
- NACE Division Number 46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (64)
- NACE Division Number Others (123)

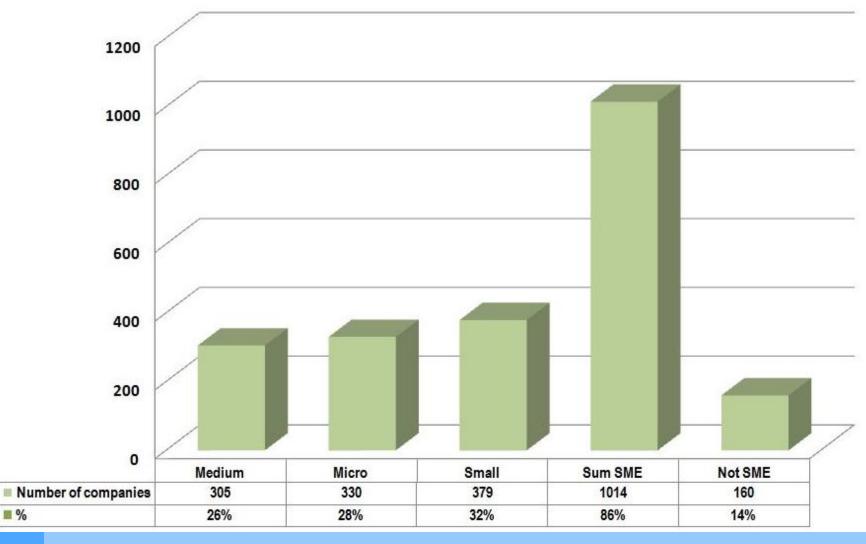
Proportion of REACH roles





Companies by size

Size of the checked companies



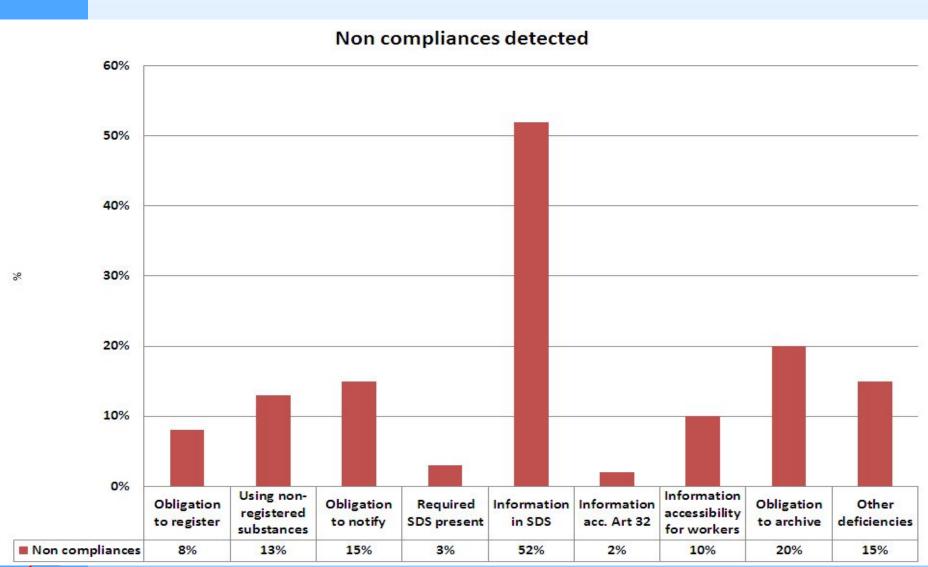
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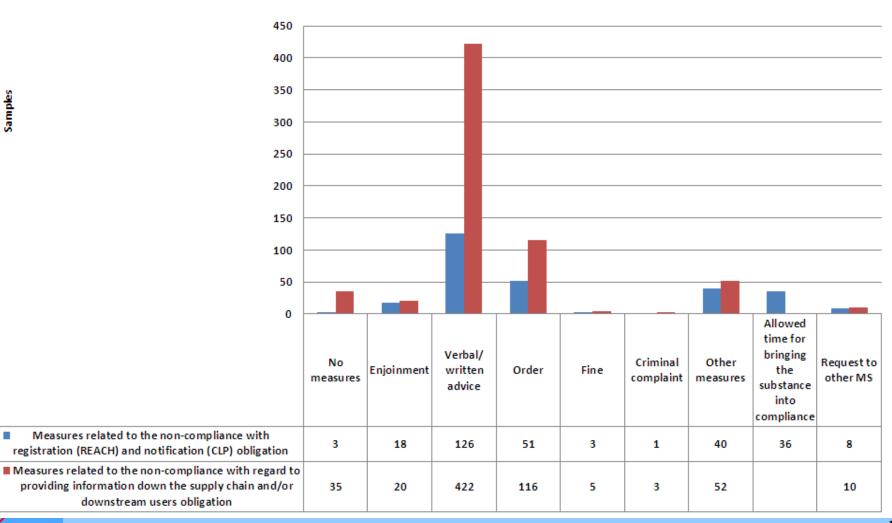


Proportion of non compliance detected (per inspected issue)



Measures taken as a result of non-compliance

Types of measures imposed by authorities on non-compliant companies



REACH registration duty

Registration related offenses (21 in total):

- Failure to register: 8% of the obliged companies
- Offense group is 57% non-SME
- Failure to register: 12% of the obliged non-SME



REACH registration duty

	Registration duties			Registration offences		
	Cases re- ported	% of MIOR in size category	% of duty group	Cases reported	% of obliged MIOR in size category	% of offense group
Micro	18	62	7	2	11	10
Small	56	74	21	3	5	14
Medium	98	84	36	4	4	19
Not SME	97	91	36	12	12	57
	duty group	of MIOR group	of all comps	offense group	of duty group	of MIOR group
Over all	269	82	23	21	8	6



CLP notification duty

CLP notification related offenses (21 in total):

- Failure to notify: 15% of the obliged companies
- Offense group is 14% non-SME
- Failure to notify: 6% of the obliged non-SME



CLP notification duty

	Notification duties			Notification offences		
	Cases re- ported	% of MIOR in size category	% of duty group	Cases reported	% of obliged MIOR in size category	% of offense group
Micro	21	72	8	8	38	19
Small	58	76	21	17	29	40
Medium	93	80	34	11	12	26
Not SME	103	96	37	6	6	14
	duty group	of MIOR group	of all comps	offense group	of duty group	of MIOR group
Over all	275	85	23	42	15	13



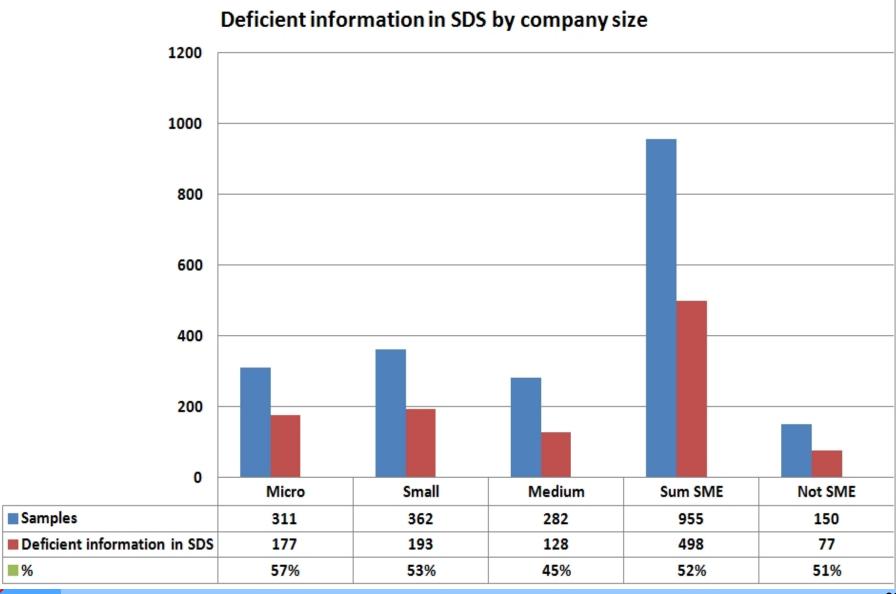
Information down the supply chain

SDS format and availability

- Failure to have SDSs available: 3% (cf. 2010 (REF-1): 13%)
- Failure in language used and/or in structure: 14%
- 52% of companies prepare (already) SDSs according to the new format defined in Article 2 of Regulation 453/2010



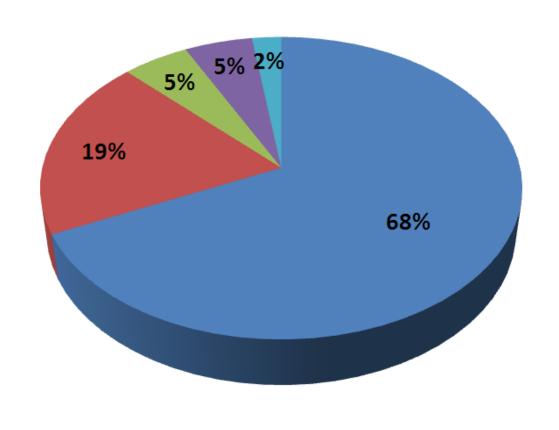
Deficient information in SDS by company size



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Existence of structures for SDSs preparation

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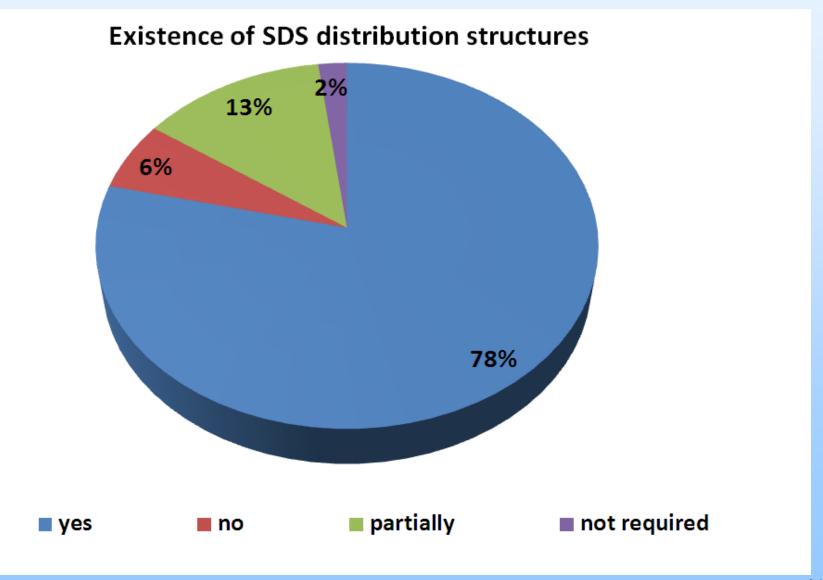
yes, within the company

yes, commissioned contractors no

partially

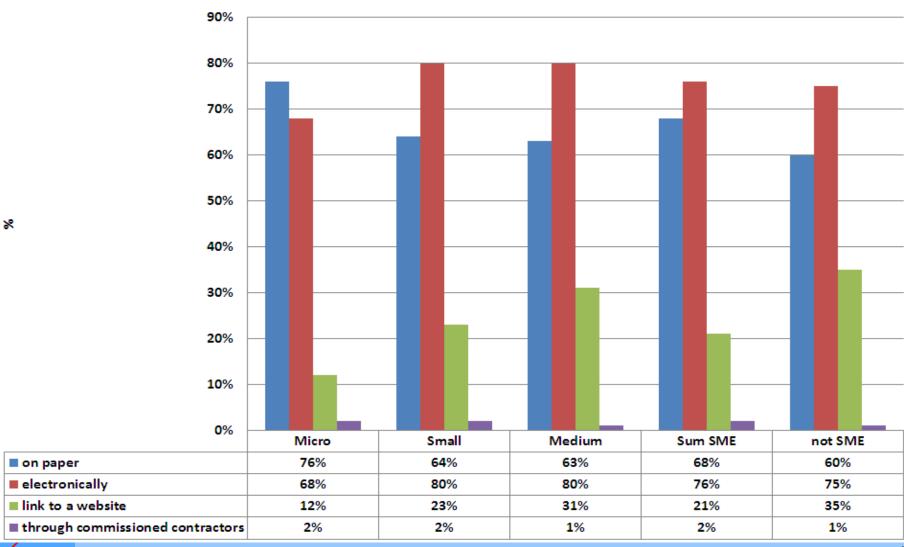
not required

Existence of structures for SDSs distribution



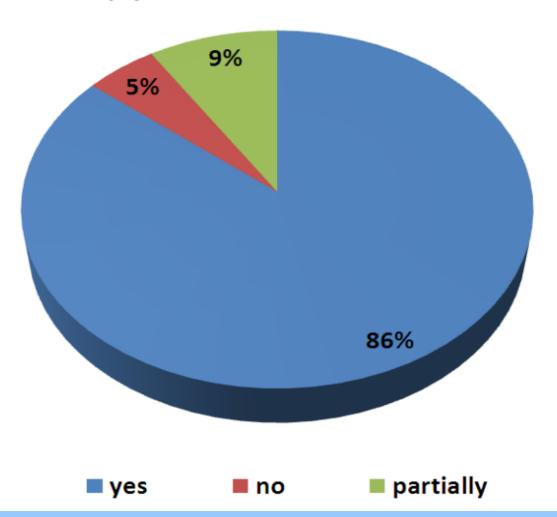
Means of SDS distribution by company size

Dominant means of SDS provision. Comparison of companies by size categories.

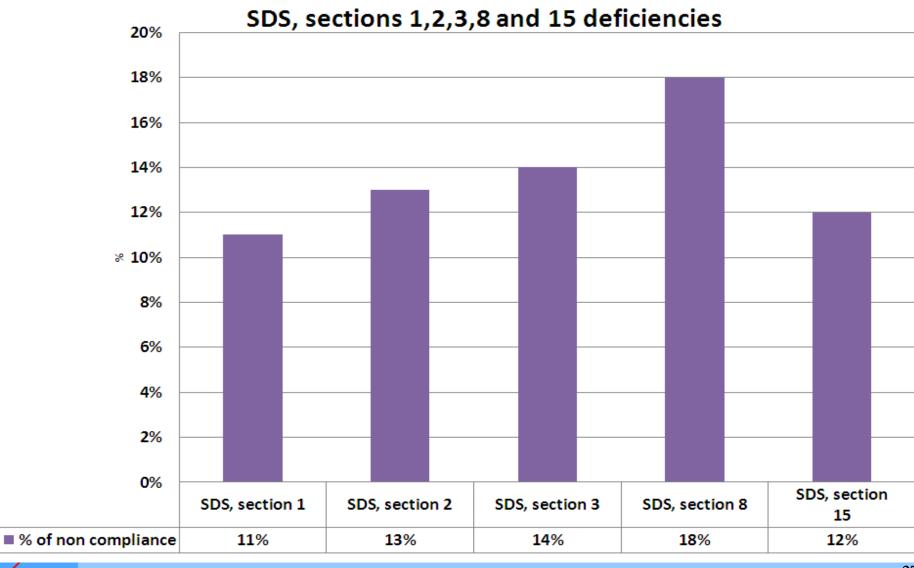


Compliance of SDS with REACH Articles 31.5 and 31.6

SDS comply with REACH article 31.5 and 31.6



Deficiencies in individual Sections of SDS



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Requirements under control in Section 1 of a SDS

Based on criteria defined in the ECHA Guidance:

- Name of the substance / mixture
- Use(s) of the substance / mixture
- Company identification: full address and telephone number within the EEA
- e-mail address of the competent person responsible for the SDS
- Emergency telephone number

Requirements under control in Section 2 of a SDS

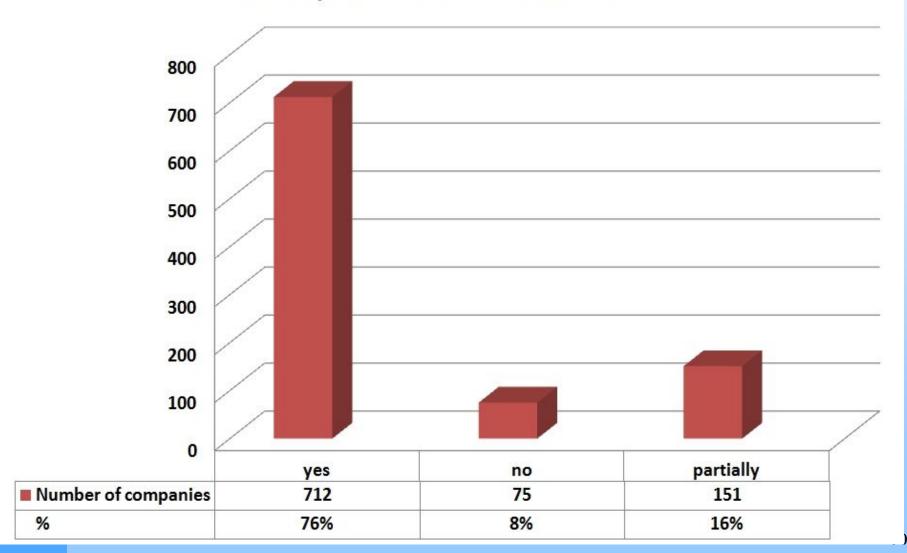
Based on criteria defined in the ECHA Guidance:

- Classification of the substance / mixture
- Description of the most important adverse physicochemical, human health an environmental effects
- Description of symptoms

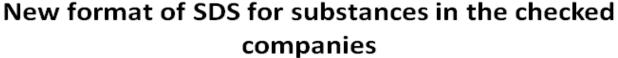


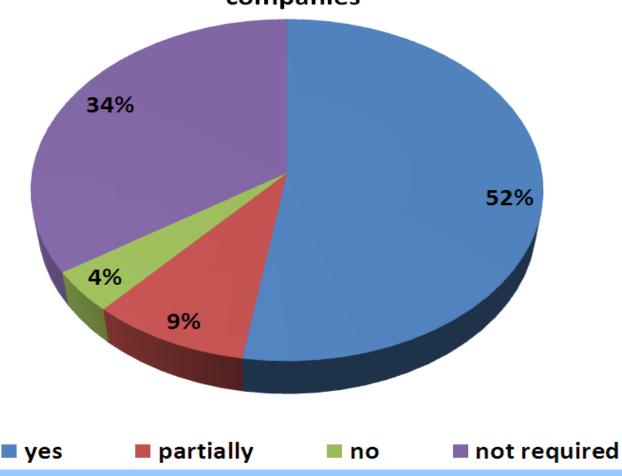
Correspondence of Section 15 or 2 of SDS with the label

Correspondence S15 or S2 with labels



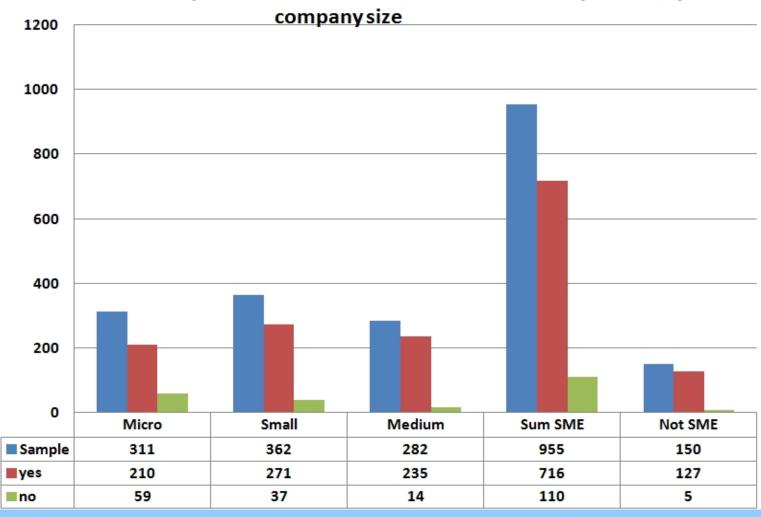
Use of the new format for substance SDS





Correspondence between information in the SDS and composition by company size

Verification of correspondence between information and composition by



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Conclusions from REF-2

- EU wide **coordinated enforcement** of relevant instruments of chemicals legislation is **in place**
- Broad REF-2 participation in the EU-EEA (29 from 30 countries), a large number of inspections carried out (1181)
- Still a high level (52%) of non-compliant SDSs
- SDS will certainly remain an area in the focus of future inspections



Conclusions from REF-2

- Knowledge building is still an issue (especially in SME)
- Need for awareness raising about good SDS in the supply chain being vital for having Title IV of REACH (information in the supply chain) functioning
- Industry must step up SDS stewardship
- Do we also have a basic structural problem with compilation of SDSs?



Conclusions from REF-2

 A level playing field for duty holders in the EU is ensured with coordinated enforcement activities and with harmonised enforcement procedures

 You identify a specific need for coordinated, EU-wide enforcement action: inform ECHA Forum via your stakeholder organisation

http://www.echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13577/hep_submission_proposal_template_en.doc



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Thank you for your attention!

