



ANSI/NAM Network on Chemical Regulation

Launch of the Network Work Groups

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October 17 Meeting Recap

Key Points of Discussion:

- REACH implementation costs are already expected to run into billions of dollars for U.S. industry.
- Companies must work together to harmonize registration procedures and share best practices.
- Interactive dialogue focused primarily on cross-sector issues, concerns and commonalities, and leveraging resources which helped to identify areas of need and possible solutions.



October 17 Meeting Recap

Key Points of Discussion: *continued*

- There was widespread agreement for a template-driven, “common” approach to implementation.
- Participants also called for standardized communication across the supply chain, data and information sharing/protection, consistent interpretations of the legislation
- As a means to further harmonization within the U.S., it was also suggested that a cross-agency REACH implementation team be formed within the federal agencies with designated REACH implementation points of contact



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Immediate Action Item:

- A small group began working to compile and prioritize the key issues raised during the first meeting.
- This led to the creation of the Network Work Group structure to consist of subject matter experts and interested Network members.



F40 Activities Update

Standard Guide for European Union's Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) Supply Chain Information Exchange

- F40.02.01 TASK GROUP CHAIR: A.J. Guikema
- SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Roland Chin

Standard Test Method for Identification and Quantification of Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Chromium, and Bromine in Polymeric Material using Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectrometry (EDXRF)

- F40.01.02 TASK GROUP CHAIR: Taco van der Maten
- SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Scott Macleod

NEXT MEETING: Brussels, Belgium April 15-17, 2008

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Network Work Group Structure

Identified from 10/17/07 Draft Work Plan

November 2007

1	Global Supply Chain Issues Chairs: Mike Kirschner and Sophia Danenberg
2	Policy Chairs: Jim Cooper and Pat Beattie
3	Standards and Conformity Assessment Chairs: Rich Forselius and Brynn Murphy
4	Consortia Chairs: Tucker Helmes, Paul DeLeo and Mike Goode
5	Legal and IP Issues Chairs: Bob Matthews, Herbert Estreicher and Martha Marrapese



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Work Group 3: Standards and Conformity Assessment

Tasks:

- Develop an open, common process that is not industry specific, to reach the end goal of a global standard
- Develop guidelines, guidance documents, communication templates and conformity tools as “intermediate steps” along the way to aid in the development of chemical standards
- Due-diligence - Develop a conformity reporting structure
- Form a technical task group within this group to identify the risk-based approach for determining the appropriate form of standardized conformity assessment including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd party
- Testing methods (for REACH) – EU acceptance of foreign results?
- Creation of output documents (i.e.: communication plan of achievements, workshops, webinars, presentations, guidelines, “how to” documents, etc.)



Work Group Agenda

Breakout Session 1: BRAINSTORMING

- **identify 3-5 actionable items to focus work on**
- **discuss how to address those items strategically and pragmatically**
(there are no dedicated resources)

Breakout Session 2: ACTION PLANNING

- **classify and prioritize milestones with timelines**
- **establish next steps, deliverables and responsibilities for going forward**