



ANSI/NAM Network on Chemical Regulation

Focused on Launching the Network Work Groups

Work Group 1

Global Supply Chain Issues

Tuesday, January 22, 2008



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**



Identify Issues

1. Life cycle assessment/chemical assessment consistency for communication
2. REACH requirements for articles /RIP 3.8 (intentional release...?)
3. Educating small businesses/suppliers on REACH requirements
4. Conformity of requests from customers
5. Help desk/training
6. Consistency
7. What parts of REACH applies, poor quality/applicability of info
8. Only representative
9. Due diligence
10. SIEF management
11. Process for downstream users to report use of substances (RIP 3.5)
12. How far up the supply chain do you need to go?
13. REACH and sustainability questions from customers



Identify 3-5 Actionable Items

1. Q&A document
 - specific to non-EU article manufacturers
 - specific to non-EU substance and preparation manufacturers
2. Assemble and publish list of guidance documents for chemical manufacturers (See ASTM list)
3. Encourage a **standard** for **consistent** communication between customers and suppliers
4. Tools for self-assessment, including change management guidance (i.e. questionnaire, ECHA tool)
5. Acceptance criteria for assessing supplier responses
6. Specific SVHC inquiries for different industries
7. Staged approach for flowing information through supply chain
8. Standard supplier preparation document – tell supplier REACH is not going away and why (what's next)
9. See the F40 standard



Identify 3-5 Actionable Items

1. Q&A or guidance document to ramp up non-EU article manufacturers on REACH (assistance to understand applicability)
 - Standard supplier preparation document – tell supplier REACH is not going away and why (what's next)
2. Understand other related guidance documents and existing support for suppliers
 - Chemical industry associations (training/support, recommending consistent language, etc.?)
 - **(Also, Standard WG & Consortia WG)**
 - Assemble and publish list of guidance documents (see ASTM F40)
3. Encourage the adoption of a **standard** for **consistent** communication between customers and suppliers,
4. List top 5 supply chain issues industry is facing (February 23)



Ideas on how to Strategically and Tactically Address Items

Education for suppliers and customers:

convey message to small – midsize companies in the US that REACH applies to article preparation with:

- Applicability tool (decision tree/flowchart) – a concise and consistent tool to test and educate REACH applicability to suppliers
 - Nomenclature into everyday terms:
 - Do any of your products go to EU?
 - Article and substance descriptions
 - Q&A /if... then... format to direct you along
- Consolidate the regulatory requirements for customers



Classify and Prioritize Milestones with Timelines

- Develop draft REACH applicability tool by
 - Design layout February 1, 2008
 - Develop content by March 1, 2008
 - Share draft for review by March 15, 2008
 - Discuss comments within Global Supply Chain Work Group
 - Confirm suppliers use of tool before moving forward (send to industries for comments)
 - Revised draft by May 15, 2008
 - **Final tool by June 1, 2008**
- Identify and share tools for customers by TBD



Establish Next Steps, Deliverables and Responsibilities Going Forward

Core team: AJ Guikema, Marci Kinter, Sabrina Chang, Sophia Danenberg, Bob Hamilton

- Design REACH applicability tool layout (*AJ, Neil Pratt*)
- Facilitate content development for tool (*Sabrina, Bob*)
- Distribution of tool for comments (*Sophia*)
- Incorporating comments/Final review (*Team*)
- Discussion forum in ANSI website/Sharepoint (*Kathleen Tuohy*)
- Finalize format for tool (hyperlinked pdf first and then web-based) (*TBD*)



Establish Next Steps, Deliverables and Responsibilities (continued)

- Identify tools needed for customers (Sophia)
 - Ask general group for input