

REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs)

In support of REACH, the European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) has undertaken REACH Implementation projects (RIPs) in collaboration with Member States, industry, and NGOs.

RIP 1: Detailed REACH Process Description and Q&A on REACH (June 04; July 2007)

http://ecb.jrc.it/DOCUMENTS/REACH/REACH_PROPOSAL/COM_PROPOSAL_2003/REACH_process_descriptions_15-06-2004.pdf

http://ecb.jrc.it/documents/REACH/REACH_PROPOSAL/Questions_and_Answers_on_REACH.pdf

RIP 2: REACH-IT Development (http://ecb.jrc.it/reach-it_informatics/) – information system for stakeholders to collect, export, submit (mostly industry), receive, evaluate, further treat (mostly authorities) and view (mostly NGOs and public) information on chemical substances under REACH. **IUCLID 5** (International Uniform Chemicals Information Database) is a subset of REACH-IT, contains a database of chemical substances' hazards, and provides REACH-IT with functions including local data collection, dossier preparation, and export. A June 2006 IUCLID beta test involving 100 users was very successful (<http://ecb.jrc.it/iuclid5/betatest/>), and the system was released in June 2007. It can be downloaded from: <http://ecbwbiu5.jrc.it/>

RIP 3.2: Technical Guidance for Industry on Preparing Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

(http://ecb.jrc.it/DOCUMENTS/REACH/RIP_FINAL_REPORTS/RIP_3.2-1_CSA-CSR_SCOPING/SAFETY_DATA_SHEETS/RIP3.2-1_SDS_Requirements_Final_27072005.doc) – describes the content and distribution of SDSs and extended SDSs to downstream users.

RIP 3.8: Draft Guidance for Industry for Articles Under REACH

(http://ecb.jrc.it/DOCUMENTS/REACH/RIP_FINAL_REPORTS/RIP_3.8_ARTICLES/RIP_3.8_Final_report_Draft_TGD_May_2006.doc) – was developed in May 2006 but left critical issues unresolved, including recommending that industry develop sector-specific guidance since articles are subject to the pre-registration deadline of 30 November 2008. A Commission Working Group is meeting to expand the guidance based on comments.

RIP 3.10: Technical Guidance on Identifying and Naming Substances –released in final version in June 2007. Revisions include final REACH legislation, guidance for multi-constituent substances; identification of enzymes; and the "80/20" rule of substance characterization.

[Document excludes guidance on nanomaterials as an issue “not mature enough to include”.]

(http://ecb.jrc.it/documents/REACH/RIP_FINAL_REPORTS/RIP_3.10_SUBSTANCE_IDENTITY/substance_id_en.pdf)

Additional References:

- REACH Implementation Projects (RIPs) – draft and final reports for each project
<http://ecb.jrc.it/reach/rip/>
- IUCLID – description, guidance, and training materials from OECD
http://www.oecd.org/document/46/0,2340,en_2649_34379_2501870_1_1_1_1,00.html