

CHCS Webinar: “How EU Chemicals Legislation is Made”

21st May 2024, 14:00 – 15:15 BST

Register

In this webinar Robin Foster will describe how EU chemicals legislation is made, drawing on his experience of the negotiation at EU level of the CLP Regulation, the Biocidal Products Regulation, and REACH. He will cover both the process of agreeing these major pillars of EU chemicals legislation, and of agreeing amendments and adaptations to reflect scientific knowledge and technical developments.

Topics and issues include:

- Post Brexit, why it matters
- The relevant EU institutions
- The ‘ordinary legislative procedure’ for Directives and Regulations
- Amendments and adaptations to technical progress – delegated procedure
- Double majority voting system
- Examples of outcomes of the delegated process
- Recent changes to the delegated process in CLP
- Implications of process and procedure for chemicals legislation

Our Presenter

Robin Foster

After a first degree in chemistry and a PhD in chemical physics, Robin joined HSE as an inspector of health and safety, and for 12 years advised on, and where appropriate enforced, health and safety legislation – an experience which gave him a practical grounding in what happens in workplaces and what does and does not work in health and safety legislation.

He then moved to HSE’s policy division, and undertook a number of roles before becoming Head of HSE’s International Chemicals Unit. He represented the UK in negotiations at EU level on, for example, classification and labelling of chemicals, REACH, biocides and chemical agents in the workplace. He also led for the UK in discussions at international level on the Globally Harmonised System for classification and labelling (GHS), and was appointed vice chair of the UN Sub-committee of experts on the GHS.

Now retired, Robin aims to focus more on family matters, but also undertakes some consultancy.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who wants to know more about how decisions on EU chemicals legislation are made, and what this means in practice.

Registration

The webinar is free of charge for members of CHCS, [BADGP](#) and [SCHC](#) (click on the links to see how to register). If you are interested in attending, but not a member of these organisations, you can [JOIN CHCS](#) and then register, free-of-charge. **Further webinars on a variety of topics are also being planned.**

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