

## Module 3, Introduction to European Chemical Regulation

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At the end of this one-day module participants will have the knowledge and understanding to navigate the complexities of chemicals legislation, and increased confidence to apply it to their own areas. In particular participants will:

- have an overview of chemicals legislation at EU level
- understand how EU legislation regulates chemicals:
  - for supply (placing on the market) and transport
  - in the workplace and the environment
  - by product type
- be able to identify the different approaches adopted in regulating chemicals, e.g.
  - bans or prohibitions
  - authorisation or restriction
  - notification
  - setting down 'rules' to be followed by dutyholders
- understand the difference between EU Regulations and Directives, and the roles of EU Agencies such as the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Food Standards Agency (EFSA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (EU-OSHA)
- understand how EU legislation is made, and how it evolves
- be familiar with key terms such as hazard, risk, substance, mixture, placing on the market, manufacturers, importers, distributors, downstream users, etc
- understand the underlying approach to chemical risk assessment and risk management to protect people and the environment, and the mechanisms for communicating information about the hazards and risks of chemicals
- have an insight into what will happen to chemicals legislation on 'Brexit'.

If you want to see the bigger picture and understand the principles behind the regulation of chemicals, or if you are wondering what is going to happen to EU Regulations and Directives on chemicals when Brexit happens, then this module is for you. It also provides a stepping stone to other CHCS modules on more specific areas such as transport of dangerous goods, biocides, preparing safety data sheets, classification and labelling, risk characterisation, as well as chemistry, toxicology and ecotoxicology.

### SAMPLE PROGRAMME

9.00	Registration
9.30	Why are chemicals regulated?
10.15	Overview of chemical regulation
10.45	Break
11:00	EU chemical legislation and how it is made
11:45	What happens on 'Brexit'?
12:00	Practical Exercise
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Practical exercise – feedback and discussion
14:00	How chemicals are regulated
14.45	Some key terms and concepts
15:15	Break
15:30	REACH and CLP – a comparison
15:40	Hazard and risk communication
16:00	Some current EU issues and concerns
16:15	Conclusion and links with other CHCS modules
16.30	Close



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## Brexit

Although the UK will no longer be part of the EU after Brexit, the provisions of European Regulations and Directives on chemicals will continue to apply in the UK, at least for the foreseeable future. Knowledge of European chemical regulation, therefore, will remain essential, not only for those exporting chemicals to EU Member States but also for those supplying and using chemicals only in the UK.

## Module Tutor

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Robin led for the UK in negotiating the EU Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (1272/2008) (CLP) and the Biocidal Products Regulation (528/2012). He is actively involved in the development of CLP at EU level and in the Globally Harmonised System at UN level, and is presently vice-chair of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonised System for classification and labelling.

## Comments From Delegates Attending Previous Courses

*"General but with specific examples – thought provoking and good for cementing understanding"*

*"Great opportunity to discuss issues relevant to our role and ask questions related directly"*

*"Practical exercise was very helpful"*

*"Overview of the EU legislative process was very informative and pitched at the right level."*

*"Linked all areas together to give the big picture"*

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