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PRESS RELEASE

Managing CLP Compliance – The Essentials for Business

Launch of major new report on chemicals management

Walking in the footsteps of REACH, the European Union's regulation on CLP (classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals) has received less attention than it deserves from authorities, supply chains and senior management who are still ashen from the potential budget hits of REACH. The two laws work hand-in-hand yet, owing to its origins, CLP has an international dimension that is both important and fascinating and which promises a vision – one day – of a world far less at risk from the hazards of chemicals than today.

The new report – *Managing CLP Compliance: The Essentials for Business* – offers a step-by-step guide to compliance with CLP. The report and an accompanying webinar are aimed at business managers seeking an overview of their duties under CLP, along with good ideas on efficient and effective implementation.

In commissioning this report, *Chemical Watch* turned to two respected experts in the field – Andrew Fasey and Mark Blainey. We asked them to provide an easy read – both a quick reference and a practical guide to CLP – that front-line staff and their senior managers can use to get up to speed quickly on the Regulation.

“Front-line regulatory compliance staff complain that it was hard enough to convince senior managers to sanction resources for REACH compliance, even with its high profile,” comments Andrew Fasey, lead author of the *Chemical Watch* report. “It is proving difficult to convince companies to free funds for another significant compliance initiative. In our new report, we offer some tried and tested arguments you can deploy to get what you need.”

Among the benefits of compliance with CLP are improved market access, Mr Fasey explains:

“CLP implements the globally harmonised system (GHS) which introduces a global approach to hazard identification and hazard communication (i.e. labels and safety data sheets). Therefore there are particular benefits for companies trading with non-EU countries.”

“It is anticipated that the GHS will be implemented across the world in the next few years. While its implementation will not be identical in all markets and sectors, the differences are relatively minor (although potentially significant). Furthermore, it is likely that differences will be largely ironed out over a period of time as the world gets used to using the GHS.”

“A global investment in effective and efficient implementation of the GHS is likely to pay for itself many times over in the coming years. Effective implementation of CLP now will stand the company in good stead for the future implementation of the GHS across the globe.”

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- The introduction and contents from the report may be downloaded free of charge, along with ordering details for the full report, at <http://chemicalwatch.com/clp>
- Accompanying the report, Andrew Fasey will lead a **webinar on 30 June at 14.00 to 15.30 GMT**, with speakers from the European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](http://echa.europa.eu)) and [Atrion International](http://atrition.com). Further details at http://chemicalwatch.com/clp_webinar
- The lead author, Andrew Fasey, is founder of the consultancy Protection Through Knowledge (PTK) Ltd (www.ptkltd.com) and also provides regulatory services through the REACH Centre (www.thereachcentre.com) based at Lancaster University in the UK.
- Mr Fasey was a member of the Inter-Organizational programme for the sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) Drafting Group, representing the EU and UK, which prepared the first version of the Globally Harmonised System for the classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS) and also represented the European Commission and the UK at meetings of the UN SCEGHS (United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on GHS).

- Co-author Mark Blainey is founder of consultancy Policy Analysis and Chemical Evaluation (PACE) (www.pacesprl.eu). He has extensive practical experience of the safe management of chemicals and the implementation and interpretation of chemicals legislation as an inspector for the UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and as a consultant. Both Andrew and Mark also worked in the European Commission during the crucial negotiations leading up to the adoption of the REACH Regulation, playing key roles in its drafting.
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