

EU News Digest

A selection of headlines in the areas of chemicals, environment, consumer products and occupational safety regulations over the past month:

Chemicals/Reach/CLP

Date	Title
04 May	Commission publishes Review study on the scope of REACH
10 May	ECHA publishes a revised fact sheet on data-sharing
11 May	EEA report on impact of endocrine disrupters on human health, wildlife and the environment
16 May	Proposal for a Regulation concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals (recast) - Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading (Brussels, 9 to 10 May 2012)
16 May	Commission Regulation (EU) No 412/2012 of 15 May 2012 amending Annex XVII to REACH
21 May	Sweden wishes to see stronger restrictions on lead in articles for consumers
22 May	Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of REACH : references of harmonised standards under entry 27 of Annex XVII to REACH (nickel and its compounds)
23 May	Substances identified by industry to be registered by 31 May 2013
23 May	ECHA publishes an illustrative chemical safety report
23 May	BASF appeals against ECHA's decision to request long term toxicity testing on fish
24 May	SUBSPORT : web portal to support substitution to safer alternatives has been officially launched
30 May	The European Coalition to End Animal Experiments (ECEAE) supports an appeal from Dow against ECHA's request to carry-out animal testing
30 May	RIVM has developed a prioritization method to rank chemical substances on the basis of their environmental impact
31 May	ECHA publishes information on substances notified under Directive 67/548/EEC on the ECHA website
31 May	EUROL Ecvam publishes Search Guide on Alternatives to Animal Testing
31 May	Commission Communication on combination effect of chemicals (IP/12/541 , Memo/12/392 Communication)

Cosmetics

Date	Title
08 May	Parabens used in cosmetics - Citizens' summary available
22 May	SCCS - Request for scientific opinion on Methylene glycol
25 May	Minutes of 28th Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients of 22 May 2012
30 May	Minutes of 26th Working Group on Hair Dyes of 15 May 2012

Environment

Date	Title
08 May	Cefic publishes sustainability report
31 May	Proposal for a Council Directive laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation

Food

Date	Title
03 May	EFSA publishes guidance on procedures for responding to urgent advice needs
04 May	EFSA - Statement on safety of “conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) rich oils” Clarinol® and Tonalin® TG 80 as Novel Food ingredients
04 May	EFSA - analysis of epidemiological data on “Schmallenberg” virus
04 May	Public consultation launched on animal cloning for food production (See also Your voice in Europe) Midday Express 16.05.2012
04 May	Commission Regulation (EU) No 378/2012 of 3 May 2012 rejecting certain food health claims
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04 May	Commission Regulation (EU) No 380/2012 of 3 May 2012 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the conditions of use and the use levels for aluminium-containing food additives
08 May	Animal Health Commission earmarks €3 million to carry out scientific studies on Schmallenberg virus (See more information on the Schmallenberg virus and on the International Scientific seminar) Midday Express 08.05.2012
09 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the evaluation of new TSE rapid tests
09 May	Annual report on EFSA's food and feed safety crisis preparedness and response 2011 (See Editorial)
11 May	Commission updates Practical guidance on submission of applications on food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings
14 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on health claim related to glucose and contribution to energy-yielding metabolism
14 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on health claim related to citrulline malate and faster recovery from muscle fatigue after exercise
14 May	EFSA - Annual report on the Emerging Risks Exchange Network 2011

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14 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on the exposure assessment of sucrose esters of fatty acids (E 473) from its use as food additive
14 May	EFSA publishes two reports on preparation of Dietary Reference Values for <u>chromium</u> , <u>manganese and molybdenum</u> and for <u>magnesium, potassium and fluoride</u>
15 May	<u>Draft Commission Regulation</u> on transitional measures concerning the Union list of flavorings and source materials set out in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008
15 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on the welfare of cattle kept for beef production and the welfare in intensive calf farming systems
15 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on Public health risks represented by certain composite products containing food of animal origin
15 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on the safety of stigmasterol-rich plant sterols as food additive
15 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on the removal of a maximum dose from the authorisation of microbial products assessed using the Qualified Presumption of Safety approach
15 May	EP publishes <u>briefing note</u> on Food Safety and Public Health Situation in Cyprus
16 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on health claim related to glucosamine and maintenance of normal joint cartilage
16 May	EFSA - <u>Outcome of public consultation</u> on <u>Draft guidance on scientific requirements for health claims related to bone, joints, skin, and oral health</u>
17 May	EFSA - <u>Call for Bisphenol A</u> occurrence data in food and beverages, migration data from and occurrence data in food contact materials
24 May	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 436/2012 of 23 May 2012 amending maximum residue limits for azamethiphos in foodstuffs of animal origin
24 May	EFSA - <u>Guidance</u> on the safety assessment of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> in animal nutrition
24 May	Commission Implementing <u>Decision</u> of 21 May 2012 amending Decision 2002/ 840/EC adopting the list of approved facilities in third countries for the irradiation of food
25 May	Commission Regulation (EU) No 432 /2012 of 16 May 2012 establishing a list of permitted food health claims (See also <u>IP/12/479</u> , <u>Memo/12/346</u> and the <u>Register</u>)
25 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on bovine lactoferrin
29 May	EFSA - <u>Workshop</u> on key allergens and compositional analysis in the allergenicity assessment of genetically modified plants (See the <u>Report</u>)
30 May	EFSA - <u>Systematic literature review</u> on the occurrence of ticks and tick-borne pathogens in the EU and Mediterranean Basin
31 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on the evaluation of the substances currently on the list in the annex to Commission Directive 96/3/EC as acceptable previous cargoes for edible fats and oils – Part II of III
31 May	EFSA - <u>Scientific Opinion</u> on genotoxicity data submitted for representatives for alpha,beta-unsaturated furyl derivatives with the α,β-unsaturation in the side chain from subgroup 4.6 of FGE.19

Feed

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11 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of aliphatic and aromatic amines (chemical group 33) when used as flavourings for all animal species
11 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Bacillus subtilis PB6 as a feed additive for weaned piglets and weaned minor porcine species
14 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of aromatic ethers including anisole derivatives (chemical group 26) when used as feed additives for all animal species
15 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of AviPlus® as feed additive for chickens and minor avian species for fattening and reared for laying and minor porcine species (weaned)
15 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Propionibacterium acidipropionici (CNCM MA 26/4U) as a silage additive for all species
16 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of tetra-basic zinc chloride for all animal species
22 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of L-carnitine as a feed additive for all animal species
22 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of L-carnitine and L-carnitine L-tartrate as feed additives for all animal species
22 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the safety and efficacy of Allura Red AC (E 129) in feed for cats and dogs
23 May	Guidance on the safety assessment of Enterococcus faecium in animal nutrition
24 May	EFSA - Guidance on the safety assessment of Enterococcus faecium in animal nutrition

Food Contact Materials

Date	Title
2 May	European Commission publishes overview food contact legislation in Member States
3 May	Nordic council adopts new guidance on declaration of compliance requirements for printing inks
9 May	First results of JRC monitoring study on release of chemicals from plastic baby bottles published

Nanotechnology

Date	Title
17 May	Long-term research project on safety of nanomaterials launched in Germany
25 May	Further updated Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment for nanomaterials
30 May	Minutes of 22nd Working Group on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 11 May 2012

Pesticides/Biocides/Pesticide Residues

Date	Title
04 May	EFSA - Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance <u>Trichoderma asperellum strain T34</u>
10 May	Germany publishes Report aimed at reducing biocides use
10 May	Report from the German Environment Agency (UBA) <u>Thematic Strategy on Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products, Prospects and Requirements for Transferring Proposals for Plant Protection Products to Biocides</u>
10 May	Council tightens controls on biocidal products (See <u>Final Text</u>)
11 May	Commission Directive 2012/16/EU of 10 May 2012 amending Directive 98/8/EC to include hydrochloric acid as an active substance in Annex I thereto
14 May	Commission Decision of 10 May 2012 concerning the non-inclusion of dichlorvos for product type 18 in Annex I, IA or IB to Directive 98/8/EC
15 May	Commission Decision of 11 May 2012 concerning the non-inclusion of naled for product type 18 in Annex I, IA or IB to Directive 98/8/EC
16 May	Audit reports of the EU FVO Brazil - Official controls and certification of <u>Citrus fruit</u> for export to the EU
23 May	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the modification of the existing MRL for <u>diquat</u> in borage (including echium (<i>Echium plantagineum</i>))
24 May	EFSA - Scientific Opinion on the science behind the development of a risk assessment of Plant Protection Products on bees (<i>Apis mellifera</i> , <i>Bombus</i> spp. and solitary bees)
31 May	EFSA - Statement on the modification of the existing MRL for spinosad in raspberries

General Health And Safety

Date	Title
04 May	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - <u>Report 18/2012</u>
07 May	SCENIHR - Opinion on health effects of security scanners for passenger screening (based on X-ray technology)
08 May	ECHA published opinion on potential health risks from <u>phthalates</u> in sex toys
08 May	Consumers latest report on safety of products shows fewer dangerous items reaching the EU market (<u>IP/12/452</u> - Q&A <u>Memo/12/309</u> - <u>RAPEX Report</u> and <u>Beuc Reactions</u>)
11 May	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - <u>Report 19/2012</u>
18 May	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - <u>Report 20/2012</u>
24 May	Rapex reactions and notifications (monthly reports) - <u>April 2012</u>
25 May	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - <u>Report 21/2012</u>

Toys

Date	Title
14 May	EU and US agree to collaborate on toy safety <u>Midday Express 14.05.2012</u>
21 May	Toy industry <u>responds to BfR opinion</u> on lower limits in Toys

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