

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
01.10.2012	ANSES proposes a more stringent EU level classification for bisphenol A as a substance toxic to reproduction
01.10.2012	Endocrine disruptors (EDCs): EFSA to deliver scientific opinion in March 2013
03.10.2012	Better communication will bring health and environmental benefits from REACH, says study
03.10.2012	Registrants and notifiers to update their dossiers according to the provisions of the second ATP to CLP (See ECHA Statement)
08.10.2012	Commission Guideline - Guidance on posting and publication of result-related information on clinical trials in relation to the implementation of Article 57(2) of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 and Article 41(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006
16.10.2012	German agency wants chemical transport potential considered under REACH (See UBA Paper)
16.10.2012	Draft - Commission Delegated Directive amending Annex III to Directive 2011 /65/EU as regards an exemption for applications containing lead
19.10.2012	Germany will submit 3 more SVHC proposals early in 2013 (See Registry of intentions)
19.10.2012	Updated CEFIC guidance on Specific Environmental Release Categories (SPERCs)
22.10.2012	OECD adopts EURL ECVAM validated in vitro severe eye irritation and corrosion testing
22.10.2012	MEP draft report on the protection of public health from endocrine disruptors
22.10.2012	IUCLID 5.4.1 is now available
25.10.2012	New functionalities added to ECHA's Chemical Safety Assessment and Reporting tool - Chesar
25.10.2012	ECHA proposal to the Member States: Draft Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) update for years 2013-2015
25.10.2012	ECHA - Public consultations now open on CLH proposals for 3 active substances in plant protection products and lead
25.10.2012	New amendments to the Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment have been published
26.10.2012	ECHA publishes presentations from 2013 lead registrants workshop
26.10.2012	Swedish Chemicals Agency (Kemi) has analysed the composition of 30 types of soft plastic shoe
31.10.2012	QSAR Toolbox version 3.0 covers tautomers and mixtures

Cosmetics

Date	Title
17.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Basic Brown 16 (CAS 26381-41-9), Submission IV (C9)
17.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on 2-Methoxy-methyl-p-phenylenediamine (CAS 337906-36-2), Submission I (A160)
17.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on 4-Amino-2-nitrodiphenylamine-2,-carboxylic Acid (CAS 117907-43-4), Submission III (B87)
17.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Acid Black 1 (CAS 1064-48-8) Submission III (B15)
18.10.2012	SCCS - Minutes of 29th Working Group on Hair Dyes of 10 October 2012
19.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on Diethylene glycol monoethyl ether (DEGEE)
19.10.2012	SCCS - Minutes of 31st Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients of 11 October 2012
22.10.2012	Use of triclosan needs to be strictly limited in cosmetic products to protect consumers' health - BEUC draft position
22.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on 5-amino-6-chloro-o-cresol (CAS 84540-50-1) Submission III (A94)
30.10.2012	Agenda for the meeting of 5 November 2012 of the Standing Committee on Cosmetic Products
31.10.2012	SCCS - Request for a scientific opinion on propyl and butyl parabens

Environment

Date	Title
04.10.2012	Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union
11.10.2012	TBT notification : Belgium Draft Royal Decree establishing threshold levels for the emissions to the indoor environment from construction products for certain intended uses
25.10.2012	Commission gathers views on ways to follow-up Rio+20 (IP/12/1152 & Public Consultation)
25.10.2012	Greenhouse gas emission trends and projections in Europe 2012 - Tracking progress towards Kyoto and 2020 targets (See EEA Report No.6/2012)
26.10.2012	Commission to streamline rules on environmental impact assessments of projects (IP/12/1158 , FaQ : Memo/12/809 & Proposal)
31.10.2012	Study finds Phthalates and flame retardants in UK city air

Food

Date	Title
02.10.2012	Commission Regulation (EU) No 897/2012 of 1 October 2012 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for acibenzolar-S-methyl, amisulbrom, cyazofamid, diflufenican, dimoxystrobin, methoxyfenozide and nicotine in or on certain products
02.10.2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 872/2012 of 1 October 2012 adopting the list of flavouring substances provided for by Regulation (EC) No 2232/96 introducing it in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 and repealing EC Regulation (EC) No 1565/2000 and Commission Decision 1999/217/EC

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02.10.2012	Commission Regulation (EU) No 873/2012 of 1 October 2012 on transitional measures concerning the Union list of flavourings and source materials set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008
03.10.2012	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the use of lactic acid to reduce microbiological surface contamination on bovine carcasses
08.10.2012	EFSA - Technical specifications on the harmonised monitoring and reporting of antimicrobial resistance in methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in food-producing animals and food
10.10.2012	EFSA - Collection and assessment of data relevant for non-dietary cumulative exposure to pesticides and proposal for conceptual approaches for non-dietary cumulative exposure assessment
12.10.2012	Food and Veterinary Office - Audit reports - Spain - Poultry meat and poultry meat products
15.10.2012	Food Safety: Member States endorse strict hygiene rules on sprout production Midday Express 15.10.2012
15.10.2012	Minutes of the meeting of the GM food and feed & environmental risk Committee of 27 September 2012
15.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 304 (FGE.304): Five carboxamides from chemical group 30
15.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 99 (FGE.99): Consideration of furanone derivatives evaluated by the JECFA (63rd, 65th and 69th meetings)
16.10.2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 948/2012 of 15 October 2012 repealing Regulation (EC) No 1180/2008 establishing a system for the communication of information on certain supplies of beef, veal and pigmeat to the territory of the Russian Federation
16.10.2012	EFSA - Scientific and technical assistance on the minimum sample size to test should an annual BSE statistical testing regime be authorised in healthy slaughtered cattle
16.10.2012	EFSA - Model for the evaluation of different options for the monitoring of TSE in cattle in the EU (C-TSEMM)
18.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 63, Revision 1 (FGE.63Rev1): Consideration of aliphatic secondary alcohols, ketones and related esters evaluated by JECFA (59th and 69th meetings) structurally related to saturated and unsaturated aliphatic secondary alcohols, ketones and esters of secondary alcohols and saturated linear or branched-chain carboxylic acids evaluated by EFSA in FGE.07Rev4 (2012)
19.10.2012	EFSA - Risk assessment of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
19.10.2012	EFSA - Scientific advice on human nutrition
19.10.2012	EFSA's approach to identifying emerging risks in food and feed: taking stock and looking forward
19.10.2012	EFSA - Harmonisation of monitoring zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and foodborne outbreaks
22.10.2012	Animal Welfare: Commission seeks smooth implementation of animal slaughter rules (See for conference details: Midday Express 22.10.2012)
22.10.2012	Food safety: Commission reviews measures on imports from Japan (See Midday Express 22.10.2012 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 996/2012)

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22.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 205 (FGE.205): Consideration of genotoxicity data on representatives for 13, -unsaturated aliphatic ketones with terminal double bonds and precursors from chemical subgroup 1.2.2 of FGE.19 by EFSA
22.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on Emerging and Novel Brominated Flame Retardants (BFRs) in Food
25.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion updating the risk assessment conclusions and risk management recommendations on the GM insect resistant maize 1507
26.10.2012	Acrylamide levels in food largely unchanged states EFSA's latest report
29.10.2012	EFSA - Clarifications on the interpretation of technical issues about the Scientific Opinion on a summary of scientific studies undertaken by the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) to support a proposed production method for smoked "skin-on" sheep meat
29.10.2012	EFSA - Contribution of meat inspection to animal health surveillance in Solipeds , in Farmed Game and in Bovine animals
29.10.2012	EFSA - Contribution of meat inspection to animal health surveillance in Sheep and Goats
30.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on application (EFSA-GMO-NL-2010-78) for the placing on the market of herbicide-tolerant, increased oleic acid genetically modified soybean MON 87705 for food and feed uses, import and processing under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 from Monsanto

Feed

Date	Title
22.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on the safety and efficacy of niacin (nicotinic acid and nicotinamide) as a feed additive for all animal species based on a dossier submitted by VITAC EEIG
26.10.2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 989/2012 of 25 October 2012 concerning the authorisation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (MULC 49755) and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (MULC 49754) as a feed additive for laying hens and minor poultry species for fattening and laying (holder of authorisation Aveve NV)
26.10.2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 990/2012 of 25 October 2012 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Propionibacterium acidipropionici</i> (CNCM MA 26/4U) as a feed additive for all animal species
26.10.2012	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 991/2012 of 25 October 2012 concerning the authorisation of zinc chloride hydroxide monohydrate as feed additive for all animal species
29.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on the safety and efficacy of branched-chain primary aliphatic alcohols/ aldehydes/acids, acetals and esters with esters containing branched-chain alcohols and acetals containing branched-chain aldehydes (chemical group 2) when used as flavourings for all animal species
29.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on the safety and efficacy of primary aliphatic saturated or unsaturated alcohols/aldehydes/ acids /acetals/esters with a second primary, secondary or tertiary oxygenated functional group including aliphatic lactones (chemical group 9) when used as flavourings for all animal species

Food Contact Materials

Date	Title
11.10.2012	French Senate backs BPA food contact ban effective July 2015 (See Senate proposal (in French))
19.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on safety of PET recycling processes based on VACUREMA Prime [®] technology (“Eco Plastics”, “Vogtland”, “Polowat” and “STF”)
19.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on safety of the active substance iron (II) modified bentonite as oxygen absorber for use in active food contact materials
19.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on safety of active substances, terephthalic acid, dimethyl ester, polymer with 1,4-butanediol, cyclized, polymers with glycidyl methacrylate, hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene, methyl methacrylate and styrene, and cobalt stearate for use in food contact materials
19.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on safety of active substances Sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, bentonite, aluminium potassium sulphate for use in active food contact materials
25.10.2012	New FACET (Flavourings, Additives and food Contact Materials Exposure Task) section launched on JRC website
25.10.2012	EFSA - Opinion on safety of “INTERSEROH Step 1” process used to recycle polypropylene crates for use as food contact material
31.10.2012	EFSA - Bisphenol A : European and national experts share experiences of latest work

General Product Safety

Date	Title
12.10.2012	Weekly overview of RAPEX notifications - Report 40/2012
12.10.2012	Weekly overview of RAPEX notifications - Report 41/2012
17.10.2012	Swedish delegation publishes Information note on need for coherent Union legislation on hazardous substances in textiles
19.10.2012	Weekly overview of RAPEX notifications - Report 42/2012
22.10.2012	Commission launches Public Consultation on New Challenges for Risk Assessment (Deadline for submissions: 30 November 2012)
22.10.2012	DG SANCO unveils new global product recall portal (IP/12/1127 , QaA : Memo/12/791)
24.10.2010	Commission opens Public Consultation on Discussion Paper addressing New Challenges for Risk Assessment
26.10.2012	Weekly overview of RAPEX notifications - Report 43/2012
30.10.2012	Greenpeace calls for outdoor clothing companies to ban PFCs (see also industry commitments: MARKS & SPENCER , Jack Wolfskin)

Nanotechnology

Date	Title
03.10.2012	EU Commission nano regulatory review: Case by case safety approach for breakthrough technology
04.10.2012	Reactions to second EU nano regulatory review (See Statement by the Greens in the EP; Beuc Statement and EEB press release)

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04.10.2012	Citizens' Summary on zinc oxide in nano-form
12.10.2010	NIA responds to Changes proposed for Danish Chemicals Act
18.10.2012	ECHA establishes a nanomaterials working group
23.10.2010	Stakeholders' Response to the Communication on the Second Regulatory Review on Nanomaterials
24.10.2010	CIEL and its partners express deep concerns about the result of the EU Commission review of the legal framework for nanomaterials
25.10.2012	Bringing the results of the Scientific Committees closer to the public - Summary of the scientific opinion on the definition of nanomaterials
25.10.2012	NIA reply to the SCENIR Call for Information on the Safety of Medical Devices Containing Nanomaterials

Pesticides/ Biocides/ Pesticide Residues

Date	Title
05.10.2012	JRC updates the Risk Assessment of Biocides - Technical Notes for Guidance
08.10.2012	Commission Regulation (EU) No 899 /2012 of 21 September 2012 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for 44 substances and establishing Annex V listing default values
08.10.2012	EFSA - Repeated and multiple stress (exposure to pesticides) on aquatic organisms
08.10.2012	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing MRLs for rimsulfuron
08.10.2012	EFSA - Guidance on the Use of Probabilistic Methodology for Modelling Dietary Exposure to Pesticide Residues
10.10.2012	Minutes of Biocides Technical Meeting II 2012 - 18th-22rd June 2012
15.10.2012	EFSA - Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance spiromesifen
15.10.2012	EFSA - Review of available evidence regarding the vulnerability of off-crop non-target arthropod communities in comparison to in-crop non-target arthropod communities
18.10.2012	EFSA - Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance Bacillus firmus I-1582
18.10.2012	EFSA - Conclusion on the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance Trichoderma atroviride strain I-1237
19.10.2012	EFSA - Risk assessment in support of plant health
19.10.2012	EFSA's contribution to the implementation of the EU legislation on pesticide residues in food
22.10.2012	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the setting of new MRLs for tembotrione in kidney and liver of bovine and swine
22.10.2012	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing MRLs for etoxazole

Date	Title
23.10.2012	Follow up to the adoption of a standard setting maximum residue levels (MRLs) on ractopamine by the Codex Alimentarius Commission at its 35th session - Council conclusions
24.10.2010	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the review of the existing MRLs for oxasulfuron , azimsulfuron & chlorothalonil
24.10.2010	SCHER - Opinion on Cadmium in Fertilisers - Additional Request on the Risk Assessment Report from the Kingdom of Sweden (Human Health)
24.10.2010	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the modification of the existing MRLs for pymetrozine in lamb`s lettuce and beans (with pods)
26.10.2012	Spanish Draft Royal Decree on fertiliser products
29.10.2010	Plant Health: Experts endorse emergency measures to combat kiwi fruit bacteria outbreak Midday Express 29.10.2012
30.10.2010	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the setting of new MRLs for penthioopyrad in various crops
30.10.2010	EFSA - Reasoned opinion on the modification of the existing MRL for iprodione in celeriac
30.10.2010	Commission Implementing Decision of 30 October 2012 allowing Member States to extend provisional authorisations granted for the new active substances ametoctradin (initially applied for under the development code BAS 650 F) and disodium phosphonate

Occupational Safety

Date	Title
23.10.2010	Cyprus - The Health and Safety at Work (Operation, Maintenance and Inspection of Lifts) Regulations of 2012
25.10.2010	Germany- The Committee for Hazardous Substances identifies risk-based approach to workplace carcinogens (see the Report in German)

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