

## EU News Digest

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

### Highlights of the month

#### TREATED ARTICLES UNDER THE NEW BIOCIDAL PRODUCTS REGULATION - A NEW CLOCK IS TICKING

The Biocidal Products Regulation will come into force on 1st September 2013 with 8 months only left ahead for companies producing and/or importing “treated articles” to implement the new requirements in their business strategy. In our latest legal column for Chemical Watch, we are exploring how this may affect companies producing and using products with biocides in their supply chain. [Read more.](#)

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## Chemicals/Reach/CLP

Date	Title
07.01.2013	<u>Study</u> on the Link Between Allergic Reactions and Chemicals in Textile Products
08.01.2013	Swedish Chemicals Agency (Kemi) has published a series of chemical action plans for 2013 (See: <u>Hazardous substances in textiles</u> , <u>Simplification of reporting</u> , <u>Biocides development</u> , <u>REACH development</u> , <u>Developing countries</u> – in Swedish)
14.01.2013	ECHA - Call for evidence on the use of <u>cadmium</u> in plastics
14.01.2013	<u>Inspection requirements</u> for REACH and CLP
16.01.2013	ECHA has published a <u>testing proposal</u> for a reaction mass of 2-(2-((oxo(phenyl)acetyl)oxy)ethoxy)ethyl oxo(phenyl)acetate (2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl) oxo(phenyl)acetate
18.01.2013	ECHA <u>recommends</u> 10 SVHCs for authorisation (See the <u>Recommendations</u> )
21.01.2013	Commission welcomes new <u>global agreement to tackle mercury</u>
21.01.2013	German Federal Environment Agency publishes background paper on <u>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons</u>
23.01.2013	EU Ombudsman launches inquiry in response to <u>PETA Complaint</u> over Animal Testing for Reach Chemical Programme
23.01.2013	MEPs call for better protection from <u>hormone-affecting</u> chemicals (See Committee <u>Draft Report</u> )
24.01.2013	ECHA notified its <u>intention</u> to propose a restriction on cadmium
24.01.2013	EU Commission decides to consult on <u>new RoHS substances</u>
24.01.2013	Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No <u>195/2012</u> of 26 October 2012 amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement (Annex XVII REACH)
28.01.2013	Commission Regulation (EU) <u>No 73/2013</u> of 25 January 2013 amending Annexes I and V to Regulation (EC) No 689/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals
28.01.2013	Joint campaign with European trade unions on <u>employers' obligations under REACH</u>
30.01.2013	ECHA - The first update to the third generation of the <u>OECD QSAR Toolbox</u> is now available
31.01.2013	Germany has informed ECHA of its intention to propose a group of <u>alkyl phenols and their ethoxylates</u> as SVHCs
31.01.2013	ECHA launches the <u>Classification and Labelling Platform</u>
31.01.2013	Agenda of the meeting of the <u>REACH Committee</u> on 21-22 Feb 2013
31.01.2013	ECHA has announced <u>additional speakers</u> for the stakeholder day conference, taking place on 26 March

## Cosmetics

Date	Title
14.01.2013	<u>Draft Commission Regulation</u> amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products
17.01.2013	European Commission Scientific Committee Green Facts- <u>Allergenic fragrances</u> in cosmetic products
17.01.2013	European Commission Scientific Committee Green Facts- <u>Methylene glycol</u> in cosmetic products
25.01.2013	<u>Agenda</u> for meeting of 14 February 2013 of the Standing Committee on Cosmetic Products
29.01.2013	<u>Minutes</u> of 33rd Working Group on Cosmetic Ingredients of 15 January 2013
29.01.2013	<u>Minutes</u> of 31st Working Group on Hair Dyes of 22 January 2013

## Energy

Date	Title
08.01.2013	<u>Draft opinion</u> by the European Parliament's International Trade Committee on current challenges and opportunities for renewable energy in the European internal energy market
10.01.2013	<u>Agenda</u> for Ad-Hoc Working Party on ILUC on 15 January 2013
15.01.2013	<u>NERA Paper</u> "Impacts of renewable energy subsidies/incentives on costs of achieving renewables goals"
17.01.2013	<u>Agenda</u> for Working Party on Energy of 22 January 2013
23.01.2013	"Renewable energy will move to the centre of the EU energy mix" by MEP <u>Niki Tzavela</u>
29.01.2013	European Parliament <u>Study</u> - Energy Efficiency and the ETS
31.01.2013	<u>Speech</u> by J.M. Barroso: "Sustainable energy: The EU and the global agenda"

## Environment

Date	Title
09.01.2013	<u>Consultation</u> on 3 RoHS exemption requests (from 21.12.2012 to 15.02.2013)
18.01.2013	Commission <u>Report</u> on the implementation of the EU waste legislation for the period 2007 - 2009
24.01.2013	The cost of ignoring the warning signs - EEA publishes 'Late Lessons from Early Warnings, volume II' (See the <u>Statement</u> and <u>Report</u> )
24.01.2013	A fresh legal approach to improving air quality in Member States (IP/13/47)

## Food

Date	Title
09.01.2013	EFSA - Opinion on the risk posed by <u>pathogens</u> in food of non-animal origin. Part 1 (outbreak data analysis and risk ranking of food/pathogen combinations)
09.01.2013	UK Food Standards Agency publishes the <u>findings</u> of research looking at consumer attitudes to the labelling of genetically modified (GM) food and the use of 'GM-free' labelling
11.01.2013	EFSA - Opinion on <u>Dietary Reference Values</u> for energy
14.01.2013	EFSA promotes <u>public access to data</u> in transparency initiative
14.01.2013	BfR : <u>Vitamins and minerals</u> are essential but: getting the dose right is crucial!
15.01.2013	Public <u>consultations</u> on GM food & feed authorisation applications under Regulation <u>1829/2003</u>
18.01.2013	EFSA's food & feed <u>crisis preparedness training</u> : 2012 Crisis Training Exercise and 4-year training strategy
23.01.2013	Green MEPs calls for impact assessment on <u>honey</u>
25.01.2013	Agenda for the meeting of 4 February 2013 of the SCFCAH-General food law
25.01.2013	Commission Implementing <u>Decision</u> of 24 January 2013 adopting guidelines for the implementation of specific conditions for health claims laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1924 /2006
31.01.2013	Commission Implementing <u>Decision</u> of 29 January 2013 amending Decision 2004/416/EC on temporary emergency measures in respect of certain citrus fruits originating in Brazil
31.01.2013	Commission <u>study</u> explores use of "mountain product" label (See more information)

## Feed

Date	Title
18.01.2013	EFSA - <u>Opinion</u> on the safety assessment of medium viscosity white mineral oils with a kinematic viscosity between 8.5 – 11 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 100 deg;C for the proposed uses as a food additive
24.01.2013	Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No <u>193/2012</u> of 26 October 2012 amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement (dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls)
29.01.2013	Commission Regulation (EU) No <u>68/2013</u> of 16 January 2013 on the Catalogue of feed materials

## Food contact materials

Date	Title
29.01.2013	EFSA - <u>Meeting</u> with Member State Experts on Bisphenol A - Parma, 29-30 October 2012

## General product safety

Date	Title
11.01.2013	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - Report <a href="#">1/2013</a>
18.01.2013	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - Report <a href="#">2/2013</a>
21.01.2013	European Parliament – Draft report on proposal for Directive on basic safety standards for protection against the dangers rising from exposure to <a href="#">ionising radiation</a>
22.01.2013	<a href="#">Agenda</a> for Committee of Directive 2001 /95/EC on General Product Safety
25.01.2013	Weekly overview report of RAPEX notifications - Report <a href="#">3/2013</a>
31.01.2013	Patient Safety: New EU Rapid Alert platform for human Tissues and Cells (See more <a href="#">information</a> ) <a href="#">Midday Express 01.02.2013</a>

## Nanotechnology

Date	Title
09.01.2013	Notification of the French Ministry of Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy on the <a href="#">mandatory declaration of nanomaterials</a>
11.01.2013	SCCS amends <a href="#">nano zinc oxide</a> opinion
17.01.2013	Norwegian chemicals register requires <a href="#">nano status update</a>
24.01.2013	JRC scientists investigate toxicity of <a href="#">gold nanoparticles</a>
25.01.2013	JRC Technical <a href="#">Report and Presentations</a> now available: Symposium ‘Safety issues and regulatory challenges of nanomaterials’, May 2012
28.01.2013	Nanomaterials and REACH - <a href="#">Background Paper</a> on the Position of German Competent Authorities
29.01.2013	<a href="#">Minutes</a> of 28th Working Group on Nanomaterials in Cosmetic Products of 29 January 2013
30.01.2013	Publication of scientific article on toxic effects of <a href="#">Zinc oxide nanoparticles</a> to marine algae

## Pesticides/Biocides/Pesticide residues

Date	Title
02.01.2013	Publication of scientific article on <a href="#">triclosan radical breakdown products</a>
03.01.2013	Switzerland has notified the WTO that it plans to update List 1 of its <a href="#">Ordinance</a> on biological products
29.01.2013	ECHA calls for stakeholders to work on <a href="#">Biocides</a>

Date	Title
30.01.2013	Bee Health: Commission will propose a set of ambitious and proportionate measures to be presented for first discussion with Member States following EFSA's Report on Neonicotinoids (See more information) <a href="#">Midday Express 30.01.2013</a>
31.01.2013	EFSA - " <a href="#">Toxicological data analysis</a> to support grouping of pesticide active substances for cumulative risk assessment of effects on liver, on the nervous system and on reproduction and development"

## Occupational safety

Date	Title
14.01.2013	CEEMET published a <a href="#">collection</a> of occupational safety and health examples

## Toys

Date	Title
24.01.2013	EU and China agree to improve <a href="#">toy safety</a>

## Mayer Brown product regulatory news & events

Date	Title
02.2013	<a href="#">Treated articles under the new Biocidal Products Regulation - A new clock is ticking</a> – by Jean Philippe Montfort and Hadjira Mezaiti for Chemical Watch
19.12.2012	<a href="#">The French Nano Decree: A model for Europe?</a> – Presentation by Jean-Philippe Montfort at the NIA Symposium

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