

Policy Workshop

Strengthening REACH Provisions Concerning (Imported) Articles

Dear Sir or Madam,

One of the main objectives of the European chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) is to ensure “a high level of protection of human health and the environment”. Reviewing the seven years which REACH is in force, there are indications that the REACH provisions concerning substances in articles fall short of this target. Against this backdrop the German Federal Environment Agency has commissioned a research project “Strengthening the Provisions Concerning (Imported) Articles in the REACH Regulation” which is carried out by the Society for Institutional Analysis - sofia together with Oeko Institute. The goal of the project is to investigate how modifications of the REACH Regulation can contribute to a better protection of human health and the environment against impacts caused by substances of very high concern (SVHC) in articles. The project examines modifications within the current regulatory framework as well as the design of new legal instruments that could play a role in the next comprehensive review of the REACH Regulation in 2019.

The project includes a legal appraisal analyzing the WTO conformity of an expansion of the REACH provisions concerning authorisation of SVHC to those substances present in articles imported from countries outside the EEA. Additionally, the project focuses on the utility and feasibility of certain possibilities to optimize information and communication on articles containing SVHC.

We are looking forward to discuss our project results with you and other representatives from politics, science and practice at a

Workshop on October 9, 9:30 - 14:45

at Université Saint-Louis Brussels, Belgium

Attached you will find the draft agenda. You will receive a draft version of the final project report in due time before the workshop. If you are not available for the workshop personally, we would be thankful for other representatives to participate, please let us know who might stand in for you.

We are looking forward to receive an answer from you until **August 4** (via e-mail, see below for contact dates)

Sincerely yours,



Prof. Dr. Martin Führ

Attachments: Draft agenda, directions