

Forum project on the control of internet sales

Digital evolution of the chemical supply chain: challenges and opportunities

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What is the Forum?

- **Forum = Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement**
 - Network of authorities responsible for enforcement of the REACH, CLP, PIC & POPs Regulations
 - Key tasks identified in REACH →
 - Forum ≠ enforcement authority ≠ head of enforcement authorities
 - Members: representatives of National Enforcement Authorities, some from Competent Authorities, many are inspectors
 - **BPRS:** Alternative and independent composition of the Forum for BPR



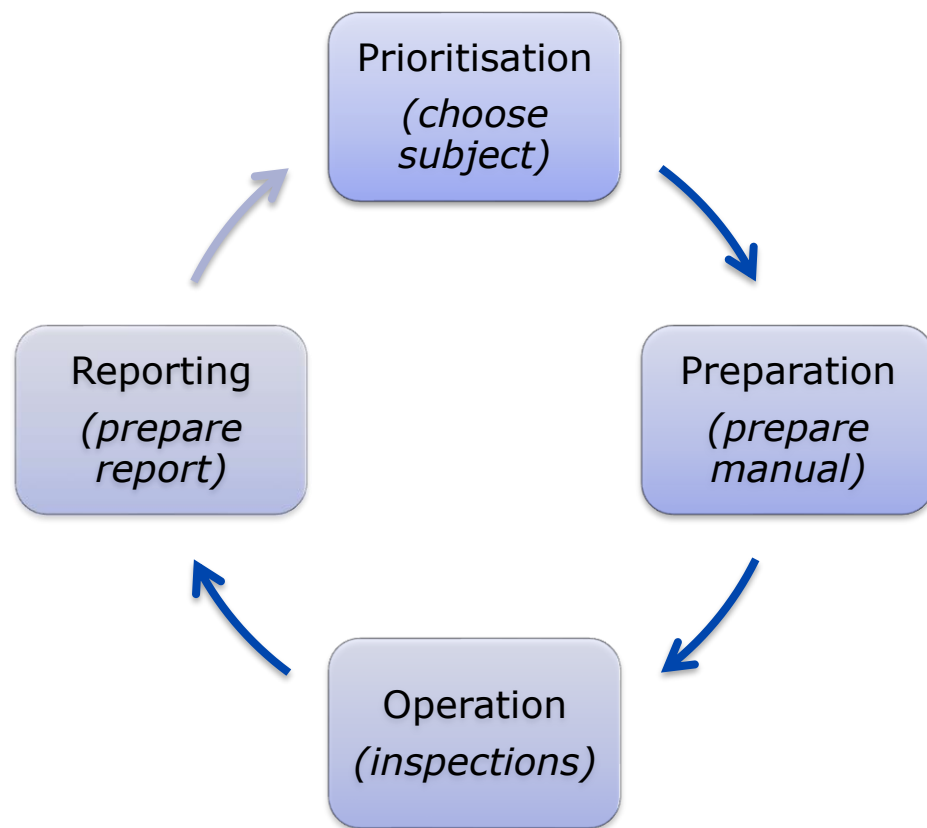
How does the Forum work?

- **Work delivered via Projects**
 - Projects prepared through Working Groups
 - Main vehicle for Forum and BPRS work
 - Outputs: project manuals, reports, methodologies, prioritisation of projects, training materials, advices on enforceability of restrictions etc.
 - WG composition: Forum members, national experts, ECHA staff, COM support occasionally.
- **Plenary meetings – decisions and direction**
 - 3 times a year
 - One open session with Accredited Stakeholders Organisations yearly
 - Take decisions, decide direction of work, delegate tasks to the WGs



Enforcement projects: what are they?

- Coordinated enforcement action among many countries
 - Same methodology
 - Same scope of checks
 - Same questionnaire to collect results of inspections
- REF/BEF project vs Pilot projects



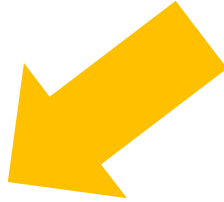
Harmonisation: How is it done?

- Ultimate goal: “Level playing field”
- How is harmonisation done?
 - Alignment of EU level enforcement priorities
 - Enforcement projects...
 - Training of inspectors
 - Harmonised conclusions on “practical issues”
 - Same processes – interlinks
 - Same cooperation methods – customs, OSH
 - Same IT tools...



Enforcement projects: “field research” for ECHA

- REF-9 - Authorisation
- REF-8 – Online sales
- REF-7 – Registration
- REF-6 – CLP of mixtures
- REF-5 – extended SDS
- REF-4 – Restrictions
- BEF-1 – BPR treated articles
- Pilots on authorisation
- PIC pilot
- Substances in Articles pilot project



Background

Reasons for the project

- Growing online sales
- The available results of past e-commerce projects showed frequent non-compliance of chemicals sold online (83%)
- Global market where cooperation between enforcement authorities is essential

Timelines

Preparatory phase: 2019

Operational phase: 2020

Reporting phase: 2021

- 1 January – 31 March – report results
- 1 April – 31 December – elaborate report

Product Safety Pledge

- Five major online marketplaces have signed the **Product Safety Pledge**, a voluntary commitment for faster removal of dangerous products sold on their online marketplaces
 - Amazon
 - eBay
 - AliExpress
 - Rakuten
 - Cdiscount
- Includes 12 areas, for example cooperation with EU MS authorities regarding product safety issues and have single contact points for EU MS authorities
- The pledge will be evaluated

Any questions?



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