



Innovation means finding solutions to meet new requirements. There is an urgent need to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in our society and innovation is the key element for success.

The SIN List, which has been recognised as a main driver for innovation, is an important tool in this process. Join us for an inspiring event on how chemical regulation encourages innovation and how to avoid regrettable substitution.*

SINnovation – Keys For the Future

Including presentation of the SIN List update

8 October 2014

Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie, Brussels

The SIN List is the globally recognised NGO list of Substances of Very High Concern. This update adds a number of important new substances, but also takes the concept one step further by introducing grouping of the SIN List and a tool for assessing substances similar to the SIN substances: “SINimilarity.” While launching the new SIN List we will also present an updated database, more easily accessible for the growing numbers and variety of SIN List users.

Welcome to a day filled with presentations and discussions among distinguished scientists, regulators, policy makers, investors, businesses and environmental organisations. They will all share their views and experiences of innovation, substitution and grouping of chemicals. This day is designed to give you a set of keys for the future.

WELCOME!



*The SIN (Substitute It Now!) List, names substances and substance groups identified by ChemSec as fulfilling the criteria for SVHCs as provided by REACH.

Tentative program

AGENDA

Moderator: Jacki Davis, EU journalist and commentator

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.30 Welcome

- Anne-Sofie Andersson, Director, ChemSec

Keynote speech: Innovation in the context of REACH

- Geert Dancet, Executive Director, European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

The Interplay Between Regulation and Safer Chemicals in the Marketplace: Examples from California and Beyond

- Debbie Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment, past Director of California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Coffee and chance to mingle

The new SIN List substances and the science behind their inclusion

- Dr. Anna Lennquist, toxicologist, ChemSec
- Dr. Carol Kwiatkowski, Executive Director, TEDX
- Dr. Martin Scheringer, Senior Scientist, Safety and Environmental Technology Group, Institute for Chemical and Bioengineering, ETH Zürich

SINimilarity, a tool to support successful innovation

- Dr. Lars Swansson, Senior Chemicals Advisor, ChemSec

Similar structure, similar use, similar risk, similar management needs – how can grouping of substances be used? A discussion panel

- Björn Hansen, Head of Chemicals Unit, DG Environment, EU Commission
- Dr. Christoph Schulte, Head of Chemicals Unit, German Federal Environment Agency, UBA

LUNCH

Features of the new SIN List database

- Frida Hök, Senior Policy Advisor, ChemSec

Investors possibility to catalyse innovation

- Seb Beloe, Head of Sustainability Research, WHEB Listed Equities

Stay ahead! Innovation – the company perspective

- Scott Echols, Senior Manager, Sustainable Environmental Management, C&A

Building for the future

- Noel Morrin, Senior Vice President, Sustainability & Green Support, Skanska

Coffee and chance to mingle

How to turn the burden of chemical management into successful and profitable innovation. A discussion panel:

- Noel Morrin, Senior Vice President, Skanska
- Scott Echols, Senior Manager, Sustainable Environmental Management, C&A
- Seb Beloe, Head of Sustainability Research, WHEB Asset Management
- Debbie Raphael, Director, California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Anne-Sofie Andersson, Director, ChemSec
- Julian Hunter, Senior Manager, Product Stewardship and Regulatory Affairs, AkzoNobel

Summary and final remarks

17.00 Finish

WHY IS THIS EVENT RELEVANT TO YOU?

The event is open to anyone who is interested in these issues, but specifically we target the following audience:

As a regulator within the field of environmental legislation: This event will give you an update on the latest scientific findings regarding EDCs and PBT substances, and information regarding the new substances added to the SIN List. You will also learn about ChemSec's new tool, which groups together substances on the SIN List and makes it possible to identify substances similar to those on the SIN List. You will also hear how innovation in chemicals regulation can spur on the business sector and how investors view these possibilities.

As an Environmental Affairs/Sustainability Manager in an enterprise aiming at getting control over potentially hazardous substances in your operations: This event will give you inspiration on how to avoid regrettable substitution and show how your company can innovate effectively and turn the burden of chemical management into successful and profitable innovation. It will also give you more background information regarding the new EDC and PBT substances added to the SIN List, and show how the grouping of chemicals can be useful in your substitution efforts.

As a representative of the **press and media** covering corporate developments in general and environmental issues in particular: This event will provide background information regarding the new EDC and PBT substances added to the SIN List. You will learn about ChemSec's new tool, which groups different substances together. You will also hear how innovation in chemicals regulation can spur on the business sector and how investors view these possibilities.

THE SIN LIST

ChemSec originally developed and released the SIN List 1.0 in September 2008, in collaboration with leading organisations* that focus on the environment, women, health, labour and consumer interests in the EU and beyond. Since then the SIN List has been updated to reflect the latest updates in the regulatory sphere. Companies that want to stay ahead of the regulatory agenda and protect their customers from hazardous substances have frequently used the SIN List in their efforts to reduce the use of toxic chemicals. ChemSec has now developed the SIN List further, added additional substances that meet the criteria in REACH for substances of Very High Concern and grouped together the substances on the SIN List to make it easier for companies to avoid regrettable substitution.



* SIN List Advisory group: BEUC, CIEL, CHEM Trust, ClientEarth, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Friends of the Earth Europe (FoEE), Greenpeace, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)



VENUE

The event will be held at Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie, Avenue Louise 91-93, Brussels.

ABOUT US

ChemSec, a non-profit environmental organisation, is a leading advocate of chemicals policy based on current scientific understanding. Our mission is to substantially reduce the use of hazardous chemicals and its impact on health and the environment. To promote sustainable innovation, we offer guidance and tools for effective chemicals management. In addition, ChemSec works to speed up legislative processes, engage business and act as a catalyst for progressive dialogue and action. Our vision is a world free of hazardous chemicals. ChemSec was created in 2002 by environmental organisations and is funded by grants from authorities and foundations. Please visit us at www.chemsec.org

REGISTRATION

Fee: €200

NGOs and academia: €80

Representatives from EU policy institutions as well as from EU member states' policy institutions, free of charge

Media, free of charge

Registration fee includes conference pack, lunch and coffee

Registration deadline: 24 September 2014

Register for the event here: <http://chemsec.org/SINnovation2014>

Please register for the event even if you are attending free of charge, so that we can arrange lunch, coffee and seating for you.

WHY A FEE?

ChemSec is a non-profit organisation. The fee will cover the costs of arranging the event, such as facilities, catering and information.

For any queries, please contact event@chemsec.org

