

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios (ENES4)  
16-17 May 2013, Helsinki**

<b>Subject:</b>	<i>Exposure scenario information for mixtures – Identification of the essential next steps to address the CSR/ES Roadmap Area(s) for Action relevant to mixtures.</i>
<b>Prepared by:</b>	ENES Coordination Group
<b>Action:</b>	<b>Pre-ENES4 reading material.</b>  Briefing document for Discussion Groups (common breakout activity; <i>Session 3.7-3.8</i> ): Objectives and key questions.



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## BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Discussion Groups: Objectives and key questions

### Day 1 (16 May): Session 3

#### COMMON BREAKOUT ACTIVITY (4 Groups)

**Topic: Exposure scenario information for mixtures – Identification of the essential next steps to address the CSR/ES Roadmap Area(s) for Action relevant to mixtures.**

**Area for Action 4: Support understanding and processing of exposure scenario information at formulators' level.**

**Area for Action 5: Support understanding and processing of exposure scenario information at the end-users' level.**

#### Description of issue(s):

Many/Most chemical substances end up in a formulated mixture with a specific end use for professional or consumer use. Industry has gained experience since the 2010 REACH registration and the subsequent communication of information along the supply chain in the form of the (extended) safety data sheet. The aim of the discussion in the break-out groups is to learn from such experiences and to identify what essentials are needed to address the topic of the generation and communication of safe use information for mixtures under the REACH (CLP) Regulation. From this, actions can be identified that can convert the CSR/ES Roadmap actions identified into tangible deliverables that support both registrants and downstream users. The ENES5 event in autumn 2013 is an opportunity to advance the topic of mixtures, and the discussion should identify how best to prepare for that event.

**Objective(s):** Identify **the main challenges** for the communication of safe use information on mixtures.

Create **an action list** to address these challenges and implement the objectives of the CSR/ES Roadmap Areas for Action 4.4 (and 5), with realistic steps, timelines and indicators of success.

Define the **preliminary agenda for ENES5**

Create an **ad hoc group(s)** to undertake the necessary preparatory works for ENES5 and to address the challenges identified

The session will not discuss detailed methodologies but serve to start preparing the working agenda for ENES5, so that the necessary preparatory work can start well in advance.

#### **QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED BY PARTICIPANTS AT THE BREAKOUT GROUP.**

#### Key/Lead questions:

1. What are the main challenges:
  - a. In collating the information received from different suppliers?

- b. In identifying the relevant information to communicate?
  - c. In communicating this information effectively?
2. What essential activities are required to address the Roadmap Area(s) for Action?  
(Develop a list of activities in priority order.)
  3. What issues should be focussed on in ENES5?
  4. Should one or more ad-hoc groups be established? If so what are the main objectives/deliverables? How should they be formed and function?

## Extract from draft CSR/ES Roadmap

### **(4) Support understanding and processing of exposure scenario information at formulators' level.**

Formulators are in a key position in the chain of actors who transfer information on safe use of chemicals in the supply chain. Registrants generate information on the conditions of safe use for single substances and the formulators need to process and consolidate this information for the safe use of their products, i.e. mixtures. Proper functioning of this information transfer mechanism will depend on the extent to which i) the generation of sector specific CSA building blocks by downstream user organisations has worked beforehand (see action area 2) and suitable tools for electronic exchange (see action area 3) are available. The following actions are based on the assumption that the actions under 2 and 3 have delivered as expected.

**Action 4.4:** Further develop the methodology for converting the substance-related safety advice in the exposure scenarios into communication on safe use of (substances in) mixtures.

**Method:** Agree on the general (high level) principles in the framework of the update to the ECHA Guidance for Downstream Users in 2013. Publication of sector-related approaches (e.g. the ATIEL concept for lubricants published in autumn 2012). Regular monitoring on progress and exchange on practices via ENES.

**Lead:** Industry organisations representing downstream users and Cefic (regarding developing and publishing of sector-related approaches); ECHA regarding Guidance update process.

**Contributing:** ECHA and Member State Competent Authorities (e.g. DE)

**Timing:** On-going–2015; continuation 2016–2020.

### ***(5) Support understanding and processing of exposure scenario information at the end-users' level***

This area of action can and will benefit a lot from the results achieved in the previous step of the Roadmap implementation. However, end-users (industrial sites and professional) differ markedly from formulators in at least two aspects: 1) they do not need to forward the safety information they receive in form of safety data sheets; and 2) the group is very heterogeneous in terms of size, technical processes/activities, relevance of risk management requirements from other legislation, knowledge on REACH. Please note: Making information on conditions of use at this level in the supply chain available to registrants is already covered under action area 2.

**Action 5.1:** Analyse the information needs of the different end-user groups and improve the presentation of information on safe use of mixtures in the safety data sheet (either in exposure scenarios or in the main body of the document).

**Method:** Workshop or equivalent to share among different end-user sectors the desired elements and the order of presentation of these elements in the safety sheet. Subsequently, promotion of good practices via various communication vehicles.

**Lead:** DUCC and other industry organisations representing/including downstream users (end-users)

**Contributing:** ECHA, Member State Competent Authorities; potentially partner with other Agencies and networks in order to identify good ways to present information to SMEs.

**Timing:** 2015

**Action 5.2:** Spread information to increase awareness on agreed issues in an effective way to the end-user sectors.

**Method:** Variety of communication and awareness raising tools, including monitoring at ENES meetings.

**Lead:** DUCC and other industry organisations representing downstream users (end-users)

**Contributing:** ECHA

**Timing:** 2016 onwards