



# **Overview of current EU legislation**

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# Community Strategy for Endocrine Disrupters



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TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

**Community Strategy for Endocrine Disrupters**

*a range of substances suspected of interfering with the hormone systems  
of humans and wildlife*

# Strategy on Endocrine Disrupters

*Objectives of the paper were:*

- *To identify problem of endocrine disruption, its causes and consequences*
- *To identify appropriate policy action on the basis of the precautionary principle in order to respond quickly and effectively to the problem, thereby alleviating public concern*

*11 actions identified:*

- *7 short-term actions*
- *3 medium-term actions*
- *1 long-term action*

# Research and development

- *FP 5 – 23 projects funded – over 60 millions euro*
- *FP 6 – 10 projects funded – around 50 millions euro*
- *FP 7 – 18 projects funded so far*

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/endocrine/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/endocrine/index_en.html)

*Need to continue in the upcoming period*

# Legislative action

- *REACH (1907/2006) – Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals*
- *Regulation 1107/2009 on Plant Protection Products*
- *Regulation 1223/2009 on Cosmetic Products*
- *Regulation on biocides – adopted May 2012*

# Authorisation under REACH

*Substances to be included in Annex XIV (Article 57)*

- *Substances – such as those having endocrine disrupting properties ..... for which there is scientific evidence of probable serious effects to human health or the environment which give rise to an equivalent level of concern as CMR, PBT and vPvB and which are identified on a case-by-case basis in accordance with .....Article 59.*

# Authorisation under REACH

*By 1 June 2013 the Commission shall carry out a review to assess whether or not, taking into account latest developments in scientific knowledge, to extend the scope of Article 60 (3) (socio-economic route) to substances identified under Article 57 (f) as having endocrine disrupting properties. On the basis of that review the Commission may, if appropriate, present legislative proposals*

# Regulation on Plant Protection Products

- *An active substance, safener or synergist shall only be approved if,.....it is not considered to have endocrine disrupting properties that may cause adverse effect in humans, .....*
- *The Commission shall (by 13.Dec.2013) present .....a draft of the measures concerning specific scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties*  
.....
- *An active substance, safener or synergist shall only be approved if, ..... it is not considered to have endocrine disrupting properties that may cause adverse effect on non-target organism, .....*



# Regulation on biocidal products

- *Active substances shall not be approved if they are considered as having endocrine-disrupting properties that may cause adverse effects in humans or which are identified in accordance with Article 57(f) and 59(1) of REACH as having endocrine disrupting properties”*
- *No later than 13 December 2013, the Commission shall adopt ..... scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties*

# Regulation on Cosmetic Products

*When Community or internationally agreed criteria for identifying substances with endocrine-disrupting properties are available, or at the latest on 11 January 2015, the Commission shall review this Regulation with regard to substances with endocrine-disrupting properties*

# Organization of work

- *Ad-hoc advisory group of Member States and Commission Services and Agencies established - Autumn 2010, May 2011, November 2011, May 2012*
- *Expert sub-group on endocrine disruptors established in November 2011, first meeting April 2012*
- *CIRCA website established for document sharing*

# Ad-hoc advisory group group

- *Information exchange on endocrine disruptors*
- *Bringing science on endocrine disruptors and chemical's policy together*
- *Discussing horizontal aspects of regulation on endocrine disruptors*
- *Providing orientation to the Commission on development and implementation of EU policy in this field*

# Expert sub-group

## *Objectives*

- *To exchange information on detailed technical and scientific issues on endocrine disruptors*
- *To support the ad-hoc group in technical and scientific issues*

*Thanks for your attention*