

ETUI seminar on workers' protection & chemicals June 2019

The work of SLIC Working
Group CHEMEX

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WG CHEMEX membership

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Also:

Belgium – Dimitri De Coninck (invited expert at Long Latency Sub-Group and CHEMEX)
Switzerland – Bojan Gasic (observer)
ECHA
EU OSHA
Commission

A little bit of background ...

- Established in 2008
 - Chaired by the UK - current chair is Kären Clayton
 - Initial focus limited to REACH/OSH interface
 - Meets three times per year in Luxembourg
- CHEMEX Long Latency Sub-Group (LLSG) 2014
 - Chaired by the UK – current chair is Mike Calcutt
 - Membership taken primarily from CHEMEX with input from other member state national experts
 - Composition fluid - depending on expertise required on the current topic
 - Meets three times per year, the day before each main WG CHEMEX meeting
 - Works remotely to complete the tasks it has been set by the WG CHEMEX Chair

What does SLIC CHEMEX Working Group do?

Our remit is to support the SLIC in promoting consistency, as far as possible, in the application of the secondary EU law on health and safety of chemicals at work, and in the rigorous analysis of the practical questions involved in the enforcement of legislation in this field.

1. Reactive work & knowledge sharing
2. Collaborative work with ECHA
3. Commission work on modernisation of EU OSH Policy
4. CHEMEX Long Latency Sub-Group
5. Facilitates the sharing of knowledge with a wider audience via SLIC's Knowledge Sharing System (KSS)

CHEMEX published guidance for NLIs

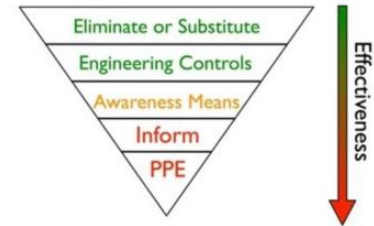
- Guidance for National Labour Inspectors on addressing health risks from Welding Fume
<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/fea534f4-2590-4490-bca6-504782b47c79/library/ef309c70-83c3-4aa4-8e30-86d72c6c926e/details>
- Guidance for NLIs on Risks from Worker Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica on Construction Sites
<https://osha.europa.eu/en/guidance-national-labour-inspectors-on-addressing-risks-from-worker-exposure-to-respirable-crystalline-silica>
- Guidance for National Labour Inspectors on the interaction of the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (REACH) (Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006), the Chemical Agents Directive (CAD) and the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (CMD)
<https://osha.europa.eu/en/file/40306/>
- Interim Guidance for National Labour Inspectors on how to use Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs), Derived No Effect Levels (DNELs) and Derived Minimal Effect Levels (DMELs) when assessing effective control of exposure to Chemicals in the Workplace
<https://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15614&langId=en>

What next?

Basic illustrated guide for general NLIs focusing on behavioural issues around the hierarchy of controls for hazardous substances. It will contain:

- An outline of basic legal requirements
- Specific examples with illustrations
- Pointers on what inspectors should be looking for
- Descriptions of what good practice looks like
- Target completion date – October 2020

Hierarchy of Controls



Thank you