

## Module 3, Introduction to European and UK Chemical Regulation

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At the end of this course, delivered live, online over two consecutive mornings, participants will have the knowledge and understanding to navigate the complexities of chemicals legislation, and increased confidence to apply it in their own areas. In particular participants will:

- have an overview of chemicals legislation at EU level and as it applies in the UK following 'Brexit'
- understand how this legislation regulates chemicals:
  - for supply (placing on the market) and transport
  - in the workplace and the environment
  - by product type
- be able to identify the different approaches adopted in regulating chemicals, e.g.
  - bans or prohibitions
  - authorisation or restriction
  - notification
  - setting down 'rules' to be followed by dutyholders
- understand the difference between EU Regulations and Directives, and the roles of EU Agencies such as the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Food Standards Agency (EFSA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (EU-OSHA)
- understand how EU legislation is made, how it evolves, and how that is reflected in GB/NI legislation following Brexit in, for example, UK REACH, GB CLP and GB BPR
- be familiar and confident with key terms such as hazard, risk, substance, mixture, placing on the market, manufacturers, importers, distributors, downstream users, etc and how these are used across chemicals legislation
- understand the underlying approach across all chemical legislation to chemical risk assessment and risk management to protect people and the environment, and the mechanisms for communicating information about the hazards and risks of chemicals.

If you want a better understanding of the principles behind the regulation of chemicals, if you feel lost in the complexity of chemical regulation, or if you want to see the bigger picture, then this module is for you. It also shows the links between other CHCS modules on more specific areas such as transport of dangerous goods, biocides, preparing safety data sheets, classification and labelling, risk characterisation, as well as chemistry, toxicology and ecotoxicology.

### SAMPLE PROGRAMME

- Why are chemicals regulated?
- Overview of chemical regulation
- Chemical legislation and how it is made – EU and GB/NI
- The effect of 'Brexit' on the regulation of chemicals in UK/GB, e.g., UK REACH, GB CLP and GB BPR
- Practical Exercise
- Practical exercise – feedback and discussion
- How chemicals are regulated
- Some key terms and concepts
- Hazard and risk communication
- Conclusion and links with other CHCS modules



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## Post Brexit

Although the UK is no longer an EU Member State, the provisions of European Regulations and Directives on chemicals will continue to apply in retained UK / GB law, at least for the foreseeable future. Northern Ireland will continue to follow EU legislation. Knowledge of European chemical regulation, therefore, remains essential, not only for those exporting chemicals to EU Member States but also for those supplying and using chemicals only in the UK.

## Module Tutor

Robin Foster studied chemistry at University College London, and took a PhD at Cambridge. Until March 2019 he was head of policy in the Health and Safety Executive's International Chemicals Unit, a small policy team based in London. He represented the UK Government on a range of chemical issues, including classification and labelling of chemicals, REACH, and chemical agents in the workplace.

Robin led for the UK in negotiating the EU Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (1272/2008) (CLP) and the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (528/2012). He was actively involved in the development of CLP at EU level and in the Globally Harmonised System at UN level, and was vice-chair of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonised System for classification and labelling.

## Module Presentation

We will deliver this training using online training software, which we have used successfully for other CHCS training courses. You can use the software, free-of-charge on Windows, Macs, smartphones and tablets.

The sessions will run live and delegates can interact with the tutor and other delegates using their device microphone. The tutor will use a PowerPoint presentation, just as they would in face-to-face training. We will provide you with copies of the presentation and all other supporting documentation in advance of the training, by email.

## Comments From Delegates Attending Previous Courses

*"It explained the EU regulations in a straightforward way, tying up a lot of loose ends I had floating around in my head"*

*"Providing an overall view of how to approach identifying relevant legislation and to be aware of the multitude that exist. Also being delivered by a presenter involved at such a high level at European groups"*

*"Practical exercise was very helpful"*

*"Great overview delivered at the right pace. Good to have some practical examples. Good introduction for someone new to world of regulation"*

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