

**REACH Club meeting at EH on 3 October 2010 commencing 10:00**

**Attendance:** K Tucker (KT), A Zhecheva (AZ), B Gay (BG), B Ward (BW), J Roberts (JR), A Atkins (AA) and K Hoare (KH)

**Apologies:** J Humphries (JH1), P Lansdell(PL), R Woodward(RW)

**\*Please note that these are not minutes as such but a series of notes and observations and represent only a fraction of the extensive dialogue that took place\***

**“It was reported that the meetings of the REACH club must respect individual and company confidentiality to ensure that anti competition laws are not breached and that items recorded are of a generic nature and are not allocated to any individual on behalf of their company”.**

The meeting discussed the Information Survey which some individuals have completed. Additional information was being requested from some but not all have even had a response. Due to Corporate Decisions some companies were not responding to this Survey.

A major concern for end –users is the withdrawal from the market place of substances critical to them but not commercially viable for the producers. For instance some “wettors and surfactants” of low use have been registered but suppliers will only produce when cumulative tonnage becomes commercially viable.

Because end-users are in contact with the supply chain but not necessarily in contact with the manufacturers issues are not coming to light on tonnage use.

Some manufacturers are using REACH as an excuse to greatly increase prices on little used substances and in some cases ceasing to produce them.

There is a fear that REACH could be adopted in the future to encompass small tonnage uses making it even more difficult to use these or even find them being manufactured-this may have an effect on nano technology development.

Formulation of paints is being effected with new “environmentally green” ones being introduced at higher prices but these may not be compatible with specifications unless these are reviewed.

The Chrome consultation has now been completed and the final report is awaited by industry-should be available early 2012.

It was agreed that the document put together by CETS/Nickel Institute on Chrome and Nickel was an excellent one which was well received.

It was stated that the Green lobby are not convinced that enough has been done to replace chemicals of concern and come up with any green alternatives-this will result in pressure being increased on the sector to do something!

**It is important that a business within the supply chain is aware what is covered in the registration and that it must cover what that business does. If not then registration may need to be done by that business. It is imperative that a business within the supply chain has authorisation for use to cover businesses lower in that supply chain.**

Zinc salts are now an issue and it was recommended that REACH Ready would be worth talking as well as Galvanising association if companies use these.

Various emails are circulating regarding LANXESS which is a consortium concerned with Chromium Trioxide-is it a SIEF in all but name?

DHP's are being replaced now in the automotive sector with green alternatives.

Concern is being shown by steel manufacturers with the impact on the rollers used to roll steel-they are chrome plated!

DEF standard 03-38 is an interesting MOD document regarding the use of Chrome-there are other standards for other chemicals which are worth looking at.

Animal rights lobby is becoming interested due to the huge increase in animal testing needed.

More substances will be added to the candidate list by the end of the year-we must keep a watching brief.

Awareness of substances in the manufacturing process but not within the final product is not full understood.

Clarification on 0.1% rule is still being sought by the automotive industry from the EU as different states are interpreting this differently.

The definition of intermediates is still not clarified.

REACH is highly technical and it was agreed that lack of chemists in the supply chain is causing major problems as "experts" retire and are not being replaced.

Next meeting tba in January 2012