

**SAICM/UCT
 Chemicals in Products (CiP) Community of Practice
 Discussion Forum**

Title	Chemicals Management Toolkit: Is chemical risk management too complex for a "do-it-yourself" guidance?
Date	29th September 2022
Time	14:00 – 15:30
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WebEx registration link	https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3am9Dr_MQ3WqcGaeXCX80A
SAICM/UCT CiP CoP Sign-up link	Make sure you have signed up for the CiP CoP: www.saicmknowledge.org/community
What's App Group	Join the CiP CoP What's App Group to receive information: https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr

Discussion Format:

- This is not a Webinar, but rather a discussion among different stakeholder groups.
- The discussion presenter/s will briefly give a verbal introduction and present the questions listed in this discussion guide.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion. The presenter/s will address questions and comments posted by members in the chat room and participants are encouraged to respond to each other as well.
- All are encouraged to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language and members will assist where possible with translation.

Two steps are required to join this discussion:

1. Sign up to the CoP, if you have not done so previously, at: <https://saicmknowledge.org/community>
2. Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: uctcops@outlook.com
3. Register for the 29th September Zoom discussion at:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3am9Dr_MQ3WqcGaeXCX80A
4. We encourage you also to join the CiP CoP WhatsApp group by clicking on this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr>
5. Should you **NOT** be able to join the discussion but still wish to contribute please **click the link below** and fill out the form with your **contributions**: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZFEG22BGA0>

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Antonia Reihlen studied biology at the Technical University of Aachen, Germany. She works on chemical policies and chemical risk management as a freelance consultant. She is (sub-) contracted amongst others by consulting companies, non-governmental organisations and the EU Commission to deliver studies, provide expertise and/or develop guidance and tools; as well as being involved in the technical and political discussions on the development or revision of chemicals legislation, mainly in the EU. Antonia has been on the Team of the Baltic Environmental Forum, which developed the “International chemicals management toolkit for the toy supply chain”.



Valérie Frison has a master’s degree in molecular biology and biotechnology from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels in Belgium. She has been working at the Environment Health and Safety division at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development since January 2010. She mainly works on capacity building in chemicals management for developing countries and countries with economies in transition. For the past 10 years, she has been collaborating with the other IOMC participating organisations on the IOMC Toolbox for Decision-Making in Chemicals Management. It is a problem-solving tool that enables countries to identify the most appropriate and efficient national actions to address specific chemicals management problems and all the relevant available IOMC tools and resources.

QUESTION 1 – (14 :05 GMT+2) – Antonia Reihlen

Question 1:

What do you think are the core challenges in making a useful guidance /chemicals management toolkit for company practitioners. How can you overcome them?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

The following links are different examples of guidance documents on chemical management provided by different institutions. They are meant as an inspiration and to compare approaches.

- [OECD Website on the risk management of chemicals](#)
- Tools website of the EU Life project [FitforREACH](#)

Poll questions

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute with your responses:

Poll 1: What are the aims and principles of the toolkit you consider most important (three can be ticked)?

- To raise awareness on chemicals of concern in toys
- To raise awareness on chemicals’ risk management using a systematic and continuous approach
- To ensure that the toolbox is sufficient to solve most of the specific problems a user might encounter
- To create an understanding of the needs and value of the supply chain
- To be a unique entry point to tools and guidance from other sources
- To explain basics rather than try to be complete and cover too many cases
- To offer a modular approach so that users can access it from different angles and perspectives

- Other (Please specify in the chat)

Poll 2: What are the most urgent support needs of actors in the supply chain (Word – cloud)

QUESTION 2 – (14:35 GMT+2) – Antonia Reihlen

Question 2:

What type of guidance in terms of content and form is useful for (all) the members of the toys' supply chain?

Poll questions

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute with your responses:

Poll 1: What sections of the toolkit do you consider most important? Please rank (1 highest, 6 lowest importance)

- Background and classification
- Legislation
- Communication with suppliers
- Taking inventory of chemicals
- Substitution
- Customer communication

Poll 2: How do you think the use of the toolkit can be best promoted/incentivised? (Word cloud)

QUESTION 3 – (15:00 GMT+2) – Valérie Frison

Question 3:

How can the IOMC Toolbox help set-up or improve your chemicals' management system in a cost-effective way?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- The IOMC Internet-based Toolbox for Decision Making in Chemicals Management (IOMC Toolbox) website
www.iomctoolbox.org

Poll questions

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute with your responses:

Poll 1: What are the biggest hurdles you face in your country/organisation in setting up or improving your chemicals' management?

- Finding information on chemical hazards
- Finding information on legislation
- Cooperation between the stakeholders

- Compliance and enforcement
- Financing the management system
- Public awareness
- Other

Poll 2: What other topics would you like to see in the IOMC Toolbox?

The current topics of the IOMC Toolbox are:

- Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Classification and Labelling System Scheme
- Industrial Chemicals Management Scheme
- National management scheme for PRTRs
- National Management Scheme for Pesticides
- Occupational Health and Safety Management Scheme for Chemicals
- Public Health Management of Chemicals and WHO Chemicals Road Map
- Best Available Techniques