

Charter for Improving the assessment and communication of safe use of chemicals – a collaborative effort of ECHA and its stakeholders

The CSR/ES Roadmap

ECHA and several of its stakeholders agreed on a joint project called “the CSR/ES Roadmap” to ensure that good quality information is generated by industry on the safe use of chemicals in the REACH chemical safety report (CSR) and the extended safety data sheet. The Roadmap recognises that the mechanisms introduced by REACH for producing, communicating and applying **exposure scenarios** are relatively new and not easy to implement. Therefore it will take time for them to be fully understood and fully practised.

To that end, the Roadmap sets out an action plan that will help to progressively improve the mechanisms for 2018, the next and last REACH registration deadline, and to improve the clarity and accuracy of the information. The actions will also help to update existing information already submitted to ECHA (primarily the CSR) or supplied downstream (the exposure scenarios). Through this Roadmap, therefore, the exposure scenarios should become recognised as the principal instrument of industry to report and communicate the conditions of safe use of substances (as such or in mixtures).

Statement of intent

“We believe this Roadmap represents a clear statement of the key areas for attention in the journey toward implementing the REACH exposure scenarios in practice to advance effective chemical safety management in Europe. It provides a set of concrete actions enabling stakeholders to take a shared responsibility towards its successful implementation.”

Sign up to the Pledge / Charter

We, the undersigned:

- **Recognise** the importance of accurate and clear information on the conditions of safe use of chemicals generated and communicated along the supply chain.
- **Agree to** play our part to achieve the aims of the Roadmap.
- **Call on** all actors – registrants, downstream users, distributors and authorities - to raise awareness of the Roadmap’s action areas within their spheres of chemicals’ supply activities.
- **Commit to** practically support the further development and implementation of the Roadmap’s actions, including taking the lead for specified actions where applicable.
- **Recognise** the need to regularly monitor progress, review the roadmap and to adjust our commitment accordingly
- **Pledge to** work together to minimise the adverse effects of hazardous chemicals.
- **Commit** to disseminate learning points and conclusions achieved on specific actions in the course of the Roadmap implementation within our spheres of activity

Organisations that have expressed their commitment and signed up to the Charter <http://echa.europa.eu/csr-es-roadmap/contributors>