

Consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)

Purpose and Context of the Consultation

a) The Fitness Check of the most relevant chemicals legislation excluding REACH

The European Commission (DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) and DG Environment) is conducting a fitness check on chemicals legislation (excluding REACH), as well as related aspects of legislation applied to downstream industries.

The scope of this fitness check covers chemical and chemical-related legislation, encompassing legislation governing hazard identification; classification, labelling and packaging; and risk management. This includes chemical-related aspects of worker safety legislation, transport legislation, environmental protection legislation, product legislation, as well as supporting legislation. The full list of legislation covered by the fitness check can be found [here](#).

Please note that the REACH Regulation is not covered by this exercise as it will be the subject of a separate evaluation, and a dedicated public consultation will be organised later this year.

The European Commission (DG GROW) has commissioned a team led by Risk & Policy Analysts Ltd. (RPA) to undertake a supporting study to the preparation of this fitness check (the terms of reference are available online at - http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/ec-support/index_en.htm). The current open online public consultation is part of the stakeholder consultation and its results will be analysed by the contractors. Please note that the results may also be used in the context of other studies in the chemicals field. The responses will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Commission Staff Working Document, presenting the results of the fitness check.

For more details on the fitness check itself see:

- [Fitness check background document](#)
- [DG GROW website](#)
- [DG ENV website](#)

For more details on the REFIT Programme and public consultations:

- [REFIT Programme](#)
- [Public consultations](#)

b) Structure of this questionnaire (pdf version available here)

The questionnaire is available in English, German and French and has five parts:

- Part I – General Information about respondents (compulsory)
- Part II - General Questions for respondents interested in chemicals legislation, but who may not be familiar enough with the existing legislative framework to answer more detailed questions (compulsory)
- Part III – Specific Questions which require more extensive knowledge and/or experience of the chemicals and chemicals-related legislation (optional)

- Part IV – Specific Questions on the CLP Regulation (optional)
- Part V - Additional Comments (optional)

You may interrupt your session at any time and continue answering at a later stage. Once you have submitted your answers online, you can download a copy of the completed questionnaire.

To facilitate the preparation of your contribution, a pdf version of the questionnaire is available here.

c) Duration of the public consultation

The consultation will last for 12 weeks. Responses to the public consultation must be submitted by Friday 27 May 2016.

Privacy Statement: *The collected personal data and all information related to the above-mentioned public consultation is stored on a computer of the external contractor, acting as processor, who must guarantee data protection and confidentiality as required by Regulation (EC) 45/2001.*

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Part I – General Information about Respondents

* 1. Address

Contact name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation/company	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>

2. If you have a Transparency Register ID number, please provide it below.

If your organisation is not registered, you have the opportunity to register now by following [this link](#). If your entity responds without being registered, the Commission will consider its input as that of an individual/private person and, as such, will publish it separately.

* 3. Received contributions may be published on the Commission's website, with the identity of the contributor. Please state your preference with regard to the publication of your contribution.

Please note that regardless of the option chosen, your contribution may be subject to a request for access to documents under Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. In such cases, the request will be assessed against the conditions set out in the Regulation and in accordance with applicable data protection rules.

- My contribution may be published under the name indicated; I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that prevent publication
- My contribution may be published but should be kept anonymous; I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that prevent publication
- I do not agree that my contribution will be published at all

* 4. We might need to contact you to clarify some of your answers. Please state your preference below:

- I am available to be contacted
- I do not want to be contacted

* 5. Please indicate whether you are replying to this questionnaire as:

- A citizen
- A business
- A non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- A consumer association
- An industry association
- A trade union
- A government or public authority
- An intergovernmental organisation
- Academia or a research or educational institute
- Other

Other (please specify)

6. If a business or industry association, please indicate your field(s) of interest or activity(ies) - the letters in between brackets correspond to NACE codes [multiple choice]:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry and fishing (A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (C23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and quarrying (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of basic metals (C24) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of food products (C10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (C25) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of beverages (C11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products (C26) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of tobacco products (C12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of electrical equipment (C27) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of textiles (C13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of machinery and equipment (C28) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of wearing apparel (C14) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (C29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of leather and related products (C15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of other transport equipment (C30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork except furniture (C16) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of furniture (C31) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of paper and paper products (C17) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of games and toys (C32.4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printing and reproduction of recorded media (C18) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies (C32.5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (C19) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other manufacturing(excluding manufacturing of toys or medical and dental instruments) (C32) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms (C20.1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (D) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of pesticides and other agrochemical products (C20.2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water supply; sewerage; waste management and remediation activities (E) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics (C20.3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction (F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations (C20.4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale and retail trade (G) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of other chemical products (C20.5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transporting and storage (H) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of man-made fibres (C20.6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, scientific and technical activities (M) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (C21) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture of rubber and plastic products (C22) | |

Other (please specify)

7. For businesses, please indicate the size of your business:

The definition of small and medium-sized enterprises depends on the staff headcount and either the annual turnover or the balance sheet of the company. Please consult the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm

- Self-employed Medium-sized enterprise (under 250 employees)
 Micro-enterprise (under 10 employees) Large company (250 employees or more)
 Small enterprise (under 50 employees)

* 8. Please indicate the level at which your organisation is active:

- Local Regional (e.g. Scandinavia) Global
 National EU Not applicable

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Part II – General Questions

* 9. How important is it in your view that there is chemical and chemical-related legislation* at EU-level in order to achieve the following objectives? (1 = not important; 5= very important)

**This comprises the chemical-related provisions in all legislation within the scope of this fitness check. It encompasses legislation governing hazard identification and classification, as well as risk management measures, including chemical-related aspects of legislation on worker safety, transport, environmental protection, chemicals controls and supporting legislation, excluding REACH. The full list of legislation can be found [here](#).*

***The internal market of the European Union (EU) is a single market in which the goods, services, capital and persons can move freely across borders. One of the key objectives of chemical and chemical-related legislation is to have a single market for chemical substances and mixtures, as well as products containing chemicals.*

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Protecting human health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market**	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 10. Do you think the EU chemical and chemical-related legislation has been effective in achieving the following objectives? (1= not effective, 5= very effective). Please only consider chemical-related provisions in the legislation.

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Protecting human health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 11. If you think the EU chemical and chemical-related legislation is not effective (1) or only somewhat (2,3) effective, please indicate what you believe are the main reasons for this limited effectiveness in the following table:

	The legislation is unclear	The legislation is not adapted to the issues at stake	The legislation is not effectively implemented	No opinion or not applicable
Protecting human health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring a well-functioning internal market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stimulating competitiveness and innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 12. To what extent do you consider that EU chemical and chemical-related legislation has had an added value above what could have been achieved through action at a national level? (1= no value, 5= a very high added value)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
EU-level legislation adds value to national level action	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Part III - Specific Questions

This part contains more detailed questions related to the five evaluation criteria underlying the fitness check: effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value.

13. For businesses and industry associations - Please select the legislation that regulates or otherwise affects your sector's or your company's activities.

For other stakeholders - Please select the legislation you are familiar with.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classification, labelling and packaging (Regulation No (EC) 1272/2008) | <input type="checkbox"/> Major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso) (Directive 2012/18/EU) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetic products (Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant protection products (Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Framework (Directive 2000/60/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Detergents (Regulation (EC) No 648/2004) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biocidal products (Regulation (EU) No 528/2012) | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Waste Water (Directive 91/271/EEC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water (Directive 98/83/EC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REACH, Annex XIII (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Strategy Framework (Directive 2008/56/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fertilisers (Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inland transport of dangerous goods (Directive 2008/68/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (Directive 2011/65/EU) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical devices (Directive 93/42/EEC regarding medical devices, Directive 90/385/EEC regarding active implantable medical devices, and Directive 98/79/EC regarding in vitro diagnostic medical devices, under revision) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Agents (Directive 98/24/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> End of life vehicles (Directive 2000/53/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerosol dispensers (Directive 75/324/EEC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (Directive 2009/148/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries (Directive 2006/66/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives (Directive 93/15/EEC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carcinogens and mutagens at work (Directive 2004/37/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging and Packaging Waste (Directive 94/62/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure equipment (Directive 2014/68/EU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people at work (Directive 1994/33/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Export and import of hazardous chemicals (Regulation No 649/2012) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food contact materials (Regulation (EC) No 10/2011 and Regulation (EC) No 450/2009) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant workers (Directive 1992/85/EEC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent organic pollutants (Regulation (EC) 850/2004) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Product Safety (Directive 2001/95/EC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs at work (Directive 92/58/EEC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contaminants in food and feed (Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 and Directive 2002/32/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Test methods (Regulation (EC) No 440/2008) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (Directive 2010/75/EU) | <input type="checkbox"/> Residues of pesticides (Regulation (EC) No 396/2005) | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Laboratory Practice (Directives 2004/9/EC and 2004/10/EC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste framework (Directive 2008/98/EC) and List of Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> EU Ecolabel (Regulation (EC) 66/2010) | <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of animals used for scientific purposes (Directive 2010/63/EU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste shipments (Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006) | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety of toys (Directive 2009/48/EC) | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I am not familiar with any of the pieces of legislation listed above</i> |

Other (please specify)

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Effectiveness

The following questions explore the extent to which the objectives of the EU legislative framework for chemicals have been met, and any significant factors which may have contributed to or inhibited progress towards meeting those objectives.

14. In the EU legislative framework for chemicals, risk management measures are, in some cases, determined directly based on the identified hazard using generic risk considerations (e.g. widespread exposure or exposure of vulnerable groups), which justify the automatic adoption of such measures. In other cases, the risk management measures are determined by a specific risk assessment that assesses the probability of adverse health and environmental effects resulting from the specific exposure scenarios associated with the proposed use(s) of the chemical.

In your view, do you think EU chemical and chemical-related legislation should, in general:

- a. Be more oriented towards specific risk assessments (i.e. differentiate more between chemicals depending on their use despite the possibility of prolonged discussions and implementation delays)
- b. Be more oriented towards generic risk considerations (i.e. take more cautious approaches, despite the possibility that certain uses of a chemical that are in the interest of society might be restricted)
- c. Remain as it is because the balance is more or less right (i.e. the legislation ensures appropriate application of specific risk assessments and generic risk considerations)
- d. I don't know

If you answered a or b, please explain

15. In your view, apart from the hazard and/or risk of a chemical substance or mixture, are all relevant considerations taken into account in regulatory decision making on risk management (e.g. whether there will be combined effects of chemicals, whether there are certain vulnerable groups, whether there will be impacts on jobs or on the competitiveness of EU industry, etc.)? Please explain your answer.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If you answered no, please explain which considerations are not (sufficiently) taken into account and, if relevant, explain which legislation you are referring to.

16. In your view, to what extent are the following elements of the overall EU legislative framework for chemicals satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory, 5= very satisfactory)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Transparency of procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speed with which hazards/risks are identified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speed with which identified risks are addressed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Time to allow duty holders to adapt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Predictability of the outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stability of the legal framework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of the legal texts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guidance documents and implementation support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effective implementation and enforcement across Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consistent implementation and enforcement across Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public awareness and outreach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International collaboration and harmonisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answers and list any other aspect you consider relevant. If you have specific legislation in mind, please specify it.

17. In your view, to what extent are the following elements of risk management satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory, 5= very satisfactory)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Hazard identification criteria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk assessment and characterisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hazard and risk communication measures to consumers (e.g. labels, pictograms, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hazard and risk communication measures to workers (e.g. labels, pictograms, safety data sheets etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk management measures restricting or banning the use of chemicals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk management measures regulating the safe use of chemicals (e.g. packaging requirements or requirements for the use of personal protective equipment)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you answered 1, 2 or 3 above and would like to provide further information (in particular on specific pieces of legislation), please explain your answers.

18. Safety data for chemicals is subject to quality requirements, notably Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), aimed at ensuring the reliability and reproducibility of the data. Do you consider these requirements to be appropriate?

Yes No I don't know

If you answered no, please explain your answer

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Efficiency

The following questions explore the costs and benefits of implementing the EU legislative framework for chemicals. The legislation was designed to deliver benefits in terms of protection of human health and the environment, better functioning of the EU internal market (e.g. facilitating exports and imports between EU member states) and fostering competitiveness and innovation (e.g. better and safer chemicals). Costs can relate to costs for businesses, public authorities and society as a whole.

19. In your view, what are the most significant benefits generated for EU society by the EU chemical and chemical related legislation? (one or more answers possible)

- Reducing the exposure of consumers and of citizens in general to toxic chemicals and, therefore, avoiding healthcare costs, lost productivity, etc.
- Reducing the exposure of workers to toxic chemicals and, therefore, avoiding healthcare costs, lost productivity, etc.
- Reducing the damage to the environment and to eco-systems and, therefore, avoiding the costs of treating contaminated water, restoring impacted fisheries, cleaning-up of contaminated land, compensating for reduced crop pollinisation, etc.
- Encouraging research and innovation, generating new jobs, and improving the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry by encouraging/supporting a shift towards green, sustainable chemistry and a circular economy
- Stimulating competition and trade within the EU single market
- Stimulating international trade between the EU and other countries
- I don't know

20. In your view, what are the most significant costs incurred by EU society due to EU chemical and chemical related legislation? (one or more answers possible)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for authorities at EU level | <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for consumers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for authorities at national level | <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for society in general |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for small and medium sized enterprises | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for large enterprises | |

21. In your view, do any of the following requirements in the legislative framework lead to significant costs for companies?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classification requirements for substances and mixtures | <input type="checkbox"/> Training staff to ensure compliance with legal requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical labelling and packaging requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspections and administrative requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management measures under the different legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> We do not view the business costs of meeting EU chemicals legislation to be significant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and keeping up-to-date with changes in legal requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

22. Are there specific requirements in the EU chemicals legislative framework which lead to particularly significant costs for authorities?

- Yes No I don't know

If you answered yes, please indicate what these are.

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Relevance

The following questions explore the extent to which the EU legislative framework for chemicals is consistent with current needs.

23. To what extent has the EU legislative framework for chemicals contributed to a reduction in the number and/or use of hazardous chemicals and/or their substitution with safer alternatives? (1= no contribution, 5= a large contribution)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Framework has led to a reduction in the number and/or use of hazardous chemicals and/or their substitution with safer alternatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. To what extent does the existing EU legislative framework sufficiently address emerging areas of concern, e.g. arising from advances in science and technology? (1= emerging areas of concern are not sufficiently addressed, 5 = emerging areas of concern are sufficiently addressed)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Novel areas of concern sufficiently addressed by framework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please comment

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Coherence

This section explores whether the chemical-related provisions in the various pieces of legislation within the scope of this fitness check are consistent with each other, whether they are complementary or if there are significant gaps, overlaps and inconsistencies that stand in the way of their effective implementation.

25. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements relating to the EU chemicals legislation framework overall

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The EU chemicals legislation framework contains gaps and missing links	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The EU chemicals legislation framework has overlaps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The EU chemicals legislation framework is internally inconsistent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Please indicate any incoherence (gaps or missing links, overlaps, inconsistencies etc.) between the different pieces of legislation which are under the scope of this fitness check. Please only consider aspects related to hazard identification, risk assessment and risk management of chemicals. The legislation covered by this fitness check can be found [here](#).

Gaps or missing links	<input type="text"/>
Overlaps	<input type="text"/>
Inconsistencies	<input type="text"/>

27. Please indicate any incoherence (gaps or missing links, overlaps, inconsistencies etc.) between legislation which are covered by this fitness check and any other legislation you consider relevant as regards the regulation and risk management of chemicals.

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Part IV: Specific questions on the CLP Regulation

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (the 'CLP Regulation') governs the identification and classification of the health, environmental and physical hazards of chemicals, as well as the communication of these hazards to workers and consumers.

28. CLP communicates hazards to workers and consumers through various label elements, including danger words, pictograms, hazard statements and precautionary statements. (1= not effective; 5= very effective)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
To what extent are CLP labels effective in communicating hazards to workers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To what extent are CLP labels effective in communicating hazards to consumers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. Do the hazard classes in the CLP Regulation cover all relevant hazards?

	Yes	No	I don't know
Environmental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Human health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please list any hazard classes that are not covered

30. How effective is the support to companies through formal guidance documents and national helpdesks? (1= not effective; 5= very effective)

	1	2	3	4	5	No experience
Guidance documents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helpdesks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industry association guidance and materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (training, conferences, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please add further details as necessary

31. To what extent is CLP enforced in a harmonised manner across Member States?

- Enforcement is harmonised across all Member States Enforcement is not harmonised across most Member States
 Enforcement is harmonised across most Member States I don't know

Please add further details as necessary

32. To what extent are the current elements relating to the CLP classification criteria satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory; 5= very satisfactory)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Ease of implementation for duty holders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriateness of classification criteria and methods for substances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriateness of classification criteria and methods for mixtures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International harmonisation through the Globally Harmonised System (GHS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you answered 1, 2 or 3 and would like to provide further information, please explain your answer

33. CLP is revised on a regular basis through adaptations to technical progress. Do transitional periods allow sufficient time to implement new or revised classification criteria?

- Transition period is sufficient Transition period is too long
 Transition period is too short I don't know or have no opinion

Please elaborate if you answered that the transition period is too short or too long.

34. To what extent are the current elements of the procedures for harmonised classification & labelling (CLH) satisfactory? (1= not satisfactory; 5= very satisfactory)

	1	2	3	4	5	I don't know
Transparency of the procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involvement of stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of scientific data and related information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speed of the procedure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you answered 1, 2 or 3 and would like to provide further information, please explain your answers

Consultation on the regulatory fitness of chemicals legislation (excluding REACH)

Part V: Additional comments

35. In case you have any additional comments with relevance for this public consultation, please insert them here.

Please forward any position papers to the following email address: enquiries@rpaltd.co.uk

Thank you for your cooperation.