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Global Chemical Regulation Conference

London

Date

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Location

Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel

About the Conference

The CIRS Global Chemical Regulation Conference, will take place at the Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

The one-day event will bring together global industry experts and members of the CIRS international team to cover a variety of topics, providing you with plenty of opportunities to ask your questions about the regions and jurisdictions.

It is open to all professionals in the chemicals industry, including manufacturers, distributors, regulatory affairs managers, and especially those looking to move into new markets or trying to understand their obligations in the ever-changing regulatory landscape.

Presentations

The day will include nine presentations. PDF copies of each presentation will be sent to attendees after the event. This will enable delegates to continue to learn from them as well as share with in their teams.



The CIRS Group

The CIRS Group is a leading product safety and regulatory consulting firm that uses its technical expertise, resources, and international network to provide comprehensive compliance services globally. This includes chemical notifications and registrations, global GHS compliance, laboratory testing, R&D, and data services across multiple industries. It is headquartered in Hangzhou, China, and has subsidiaries in Ireland, South Korea, the UK, and the USA.

Panel discussions

We will also be holding two panel discussions each involving four industry experts and a moderator.

The morning panel will explore How the chemical industry can develop more sustainably. Touching on topics such as consumer education and "green" marketing claims as well as ESG compliance solutions.

The afternoon panel will delve into supply chain challenges for the global chemical industry touching on sourcing ingredients and substituting problematic ingredients as well as maintaining oversight of complete supply chain compliance.



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At the conference you will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from government authorities and several industry associations and we would like to thank the following for supporting the event.



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Agenda

For more information on speakers and panelists, see pages 11-15

8: 30 – 9: 30

Registration and refreshments.

Once delegates have collected their name tags they can help themselves to refreshments and interact with our sponsors and other attendees.

9: 30 – 9: 40

Opening.

We will kick off the event at 9:30, covering all the important announcements for the day.

9: 40 – 10: 10

Chemicals Policy in the EU – hot topics and trends.

- Exploring the current developments of the EU's chemicals legislation;
- Delving into topics such as classification and labeling, f-gases, detergents, safe and sustainable by design (SSbD), and what else to expect from the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS); and
- Providing an overview of where the EU is heading with its chemicals policy.



Marko Susnik

senior advisor at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) and advisor to the secretary-general on chemicals policy, SMEUnited.



10: 10 – 10: 40

Sustainability: the 3Ps of the Triple Bottom Line (planet, people, and profit) and the Ecovadis sustainable rating.

- The significance of social impact, economic performance, and environmental stewardship in the context of sustainability;
- Integrating sustainability into your business strategy for long-term success; and
- Understanding the Ecovadis sustainable rating and how it measures sustainability performance across various industries.



Sebastien Chaigneau

EHS director at BMI.



10: 40 – 11: 00

Coffee break.

11: 00 – 11: 30

Case study: Recent regulatory experiences of single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs).

- The morphology vs EHS status of SWCNTs – using the example of OCSiAl's Tuball™ substance;
- Registration and compliance status;
- Experiences in exposure assessments; and
- The outcome of other additional EHS studies executed so far.



Gunther Van Kerckhove

H&S lead manager of OCSiAl Group.



11: 30 – 12: 00

Updates to EU CLP and Global GHS.

- Quick summary of CLP Endpoints – covering endpoints and concentration thresholds, and GHS calculator principle with examples;
- CLP Delegated Act (EU 2023/707) – summary of changes and applications, and new classification criteria with examples; and
- Tenth revised edition of UN GHS – major changes compared with the ninth revision.



Michel Hemberg

CEO of Lisam Systems.



12: 00 – 12: 25

Panel Discussion: How can the chemical industry develop more sustainably?

- Consumer education and "green" marketing claims;
- "green" formulas and packaging innovations;
- ESG compliance; and
- Renewable energy and carbon footprint.

Moderator:



Emma Chynoweth
co-founder of Ocki.



Panelists:



Sebastien Chaigneau

EHS director at BMI.



Junho Lee

director of CIRS South Korea.



Marko Susnik

senior advisor at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) and advisor to the secretary-general on chemicals policy, SMEunited.



Greta Waissi

vice president and head of regulatory affairs at NordShield, chair of the Finnish Society of Toxicology (FST).



12: 25 – 13: 25

Lunch.

13: 25 – 13: 55

Global Export and Trade Opportunites for UK Companies.

- Summary of the work undertaken across the DBT's global network to assess the potential for chemistry using UK businesses to find new export markets;
- The current activity in markets such as China and India where Department for International Trade (DIT) teams are working with UK businesses to open new trade opportunities; and
- Review past and future activities and signpost UK companies to DIT Global Network colleagues overseas.



Alastair Gardner

export specialist – chemicals export and investment team, Department for Business and Trade (DBT).



13: 55 – 14: 20

An introduction to South Korea's K-REACH and K-BPR.

- A brief introduction of the regulations;
- K-REACH and K-BPR so far; and
- Case studies sharing CIRS' experience.



Junho Lee

director of CIRS South Korea and SeoWon Kim, chief manager of CIRS South Korea.



SeoWon Kim

chief manager, CIRS Group South Korea.



14: 20 – 14: 45

Exploring Chemical Management Regulations in China.

- Introduction to the chemical regulation framework in China;
- New chemicals MEE Order 12 (China REACH): updates and compliance challenges;
- Hazardous chemicals: registrations and the new QR code system; and
- Other updates regarding GHS, inventories, and regulations.



Dean Winder

senior regulatory consultant, CIRS Europe.



14: 45 – 15: 05

Coffee break.

15: 05 – 15: 35

Challenges (post-Brexit, post-Covid) facing UK chemicals companies.

- Introduction to the UK chemical industry and deliver an overview of current challenges;
- UK exports of chemicals have been maintained in terms of value but what about volume?; and
- How has the uncertainty surrounding regulatory obligations impacted trade and how does the CIA work with policymakers to create a workable UK regime?



Ian Cranshaw

head of international trade and regions,
Chemical Industries Association (CIA).

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15: 35 – 16: 05

The current situation of Turkey's KKDIK as the registration deadline approaches.

- The KKDIK registration period;
- SIEF status for KKDIK;
- Lead registrant and co-registrants for KKDIK joint submission;
- LoA cost-sharing process for KKDIK;
- How the lead registrants handle the LoA cost-sharing process; and
- Overview of the current situation with the approaching the registration deadline.



Elif Koç

manager of Chemleg.



16: 05 – 16: 30

Panel discussion: Supply chain challenges for the global chemical industry.

- Sourcing ingredients and substituting problematic ingredients;
- Global compliance strategy; and
- Maintaining oversight of complete supply chain compliance.

Moderator:



Emma Chynoweth
co-founder of Ocki.



Panelists:



Alastair Gardner

export specialist – chemicals export and investment
team, Department for Business and Trade (DBT).



Pierre Germain

technical and regulatory affairs manager at the European
Association of Chemical Distributors (Fecc).



Ian Cranshaw

head of international trade and regions, Chemical
Industries Association (CIA).



Dr. Antonio Conto

founder of Chemsafe



16: 30

Close of Day.

16: 30-17: 30

Optional Extra.

Join us for an optional drinks reception after the conference to allow for a little time to unwind and continue discussions with the attendees and speakers.

The venue

The Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel is located on Bath Road, Hounslow TW6 2AQ.



FAQs



Where do I register?

You can find the registration form by scanning the QR code.



Are lunch and coffee included in the price?

Yes, food and drinks are provided throughout the day. After registering, please make sure you complete our questionnaire, prior to the event. It contains your dietary requirements and send it to bryan.zhou@cirs-reach.com as soon as possible. If you require another copy, please contact us for one.



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London Underground

Take the Piccadilly Line to Hounslow west. Take the 222 from bus stop Hounslow West Station (Stop C) heading towards Uxbridge. Get off at Nene Road (Stop BM). You will pass the hotel on your left-hand side and then arrive at the bus stop. The hotel is a two-minute walk away.

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Or take the Elizabeth line to Hayes and Harlington station and take bus X140 towards Heathrow Central Bus station and get off at Harlington corner. The hotel is a 10-minute walk away.

Heathrow Express

Take the Heathrow Express train to Terminals 1-3. There you can either take bus H2X from terminal 3. Simply ask the driver for the Renaissance London Heathrow Hotel on Bath Road.

Or take buses 105, 111, 278 or 285 from Heathrow central bus station to Bolton's lane bus stop and walk across the road to the hotel. The hotel is a 3-minute walk away.

By car

Take junction 4 off the M4 and follow signs to Terminals 1, 2 & 3. At the roundabout, take the A408 exit and continue along tunnel road east to the destination. If using Sat Nav, enter the following postcode: TW6 2AQ. If you require a parking space please contact li.xiang@cirs-reach.com in advance.

Or check Citymapper or other route planning sites to check the best route from your location.



Is parking available onsite?

Yes, it is. If you require a parking space please contact li.xiang@cirs-reach.com prior to the event.



Will I get a copy of the presentation files after the conference?

Yes, copies of the presentations in PDF format will be sent to all attendees after the event.

Speakers



Sebastien Chaigneau

EHS director at BMI.

Sebastien is a results-driven leader with a proven track record in driving safety, health, and environmental initiatives across various industries. With over 20 years of expertise in managing and transforming HSE practices within complex organizations, Sebastien has successfully led HSE programs in the manufacturing, construction, and services sectors, demonstrating his deep understanding of industry-specific challenges and regulations.

Currently serving as the Group HSE Director at BMI Group (Roofing & Waterproofing), Sebastien is responsible for setting and implementing a comprehensive HSE strategy to ensure the highest standards of safety across all company operations. He brings a wealth of experience in developing and executing HSE policies, conducting risk assessments, and fostering a culture of safety throughout the organization.



Ian Cranshaw

head of international trade and regions, Chemical Industries Association (CIA).

Ian joined the CIA in 2016. He leads commercial delegations to key international trade shows in Europe, the US and in Asia. He collaborates with the Department for Business and Trade advising on industry priorities as the UK develops a sovereign trade policy following the UK exiting the European Union. Ian has contributed to emerging UK policy on Trade Remedies, Rules of Origin and is an expert adviser to the Chemical Trade Advisory Group feeding into the Department's work to agree FTAs with key trading partners. Prior to joining CIA Ian spent 30 years working for the UK Government, specialising in trade and investment. Ian spent 11 years working in UK Embassies in Beijing, Singapore and in the Sultanate of Oman.



Alastair Gardner

export specialist – chemicals export and investment team, Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

Alastair has worked in international trade promotion for nearly 20 years. In his current role within the DBT, he helps to promote and support the UK's world class chemicals industry on a global stage by:

- Ensuring that UK companies in the chemicals supply chain are accessing the support available to them via the Department for International Trade (DIT)'s regional, overseas and sector teams;
- Promoting UK expertise at overseas trade shows, conferences and with individual key customers;
- Identifying new high-value markets and new opportunities for UK businesses;
- Promoting the UK's expertise in formulated products across key DIT high-value sectors such as infrastructure, marine, and automotive; and
- Engaging with trade associations and industry bodies to ensure that no business with the capability to trade overseas misses the opportunity to do so.

Speakers



Michel Hemberg

CEO of Lisam

Michel is a founder and majority owner of Lisam Systems, a company specialized in the development of ExESS, a SDS authoring automation software complying with GHS globally.

He took over the CEO position in June 2012 and managed the growth of the company from a software Annual Recurrent Revenue of 1 million euro to 21 million in 2023.

Since 2019, Michel is also driving the new R&D software program of ComplyStation, the Lisam SaaS solution covering EHS and ESG regulations.

Through acquisitions, the Lisam Group is also active in Electronics and in Software development and integration. In total, the group generated a turnover of 50 million in 2022.

Michel obtained a civil engineering degree in 1986 and previously worked for 25 years as an IBM mainframe system engineer in the financial market.



Gunther Van Kerckhove

H&S Lead manager with OCSiAI Europe

Gunther holds an engineering diploma in Chemistry & Plastic technology and is a bachelor level Safety advisor. He has over 18 years of invaluable experience in SHE-Q managing projects and resources in an effective and efficient manner. He is highly focused, with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of various industries and sectors such as plastic engineering, automotive, trailer building, composite engineering/ development, chemical industry, logistics, operational services and consulting. Since June 2016 he has been working as a H&S lead manager at OCSiAI, responsible for the EHS regulatory affairs worldwide.



Junho Lee

director of CIRS Group South Korea

Junho has 16 years of international experience, specializing in the field of chemical regulations, standards and certifications in South Korea, China and Europe. He has supported industry with major updates to global chemical regulations including EU REACH, and South Korea's K-REACH.



SeoWon Kim

chief manager, CIRS Group South Korea.

SeoWon is a qualified regulatory affairs specialist with more than eight years of international experience in chemical compliance. She has deeply researched chemical regulations in the EU and Asia Pacific regions with experience in the international market. Drawing on her diverse, scientific background, she has provided regulatory services on K-BPR, global SDS/GHS, and risk assessment in the areas of industrial chemicals.

Speakers



Elif Koç

manager of Chemleg Consultancy

Elif is a Chemist. She worked for many years as a Research Assistant for the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey projects at the Istanbul Technical University where she graduated. She has an excellent technical background in chemical science and regulations having spent more than ten years involved with different aspects of the chemical sector including R&D and regulatory compliance.

She established Chemleg consultancy with her partners in 2017. She is responsible for its KKDIK only representative (OR) management and technical department. She is also responsible for the Turkey BPR compliance department. She is a certificated Chemical Assessment Expert (according to KKDIK Annex 18). She is the project leader for many international companies' KKDIK OR processes. She also delivers KKS utilization training to local companies.



Marko Sušnik

senior advisor at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) and advisor to the secretary-general on chemicals policy, SMEUnited.

Marko Sušnik is an advisor for chemical law and chemical policies within the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. He is involved with REACH, CLP, national chemical law, nanotechnologies, biocides, pesticides and fertilizers.

On the European level, he works in numerous expert groups related to chemicals. In particular, his work focuses on the impact European legislation has on SMEs. In that context he also advises the European social partner SMEUnited, the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, on aspects related to chemical legislation and policy.

He is a trained chemist and specialized in organic chemistry and organic technologies. He finished his chemical education with a PhD in chemical engineering.



Dean Winder

senior regulatory consultant, CIRS Group Europe

Dean is a member of the CIRS Europe office based in Dublin, Ireland. He combines his knowledge of the chemical industry and his research experience to provide regulatory consultancy services, specialising in the industrial chemical sector.

Panel discussions

Moderator for both panels :



Emma Chynoweth

co-founder of Ocki.

With a degree in chemistry, economics and technology, Emma worked as a B2B journalist writing about the health and environmental impacts of chemicals for 30+ years. 15 of those were spent at Chemical Watch. She left in summer of 2021 to work on a new project to raise awareness about sustainability among people in general. That project is culminating in new websites, Ocki and OckiPro aiming to bridge the engagement gap between sustainability experts and their stakeholders – starting with employees.

Panel 1: How can the chemical industry develop more sustainably?

Panelists



Sebastien Chaigneau

EHS director at BMI.



Marko Sušnik

senior advisor at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) and advisor to the secretary-general on chemicals policy, SMEUnited.



Junho Lee

director of CIRS South Korea.



Greta Waissi

vice president and head of regulatory affairs at NordShield, chair of the Finnish Society of Toxicology (FST).

Greta has a Bachelor of Engineering, a Master of Science in ecotoxicology and hydrobiology and a PhD in Biology, Advanced studies in ecotoxicology UEF. In Autumn 2023 she will also obtain her Master's Degree in Toxicology (UEF). She has been involved with the FST since 2014 and has been the chair since 2022.

She is responsible for all regulatory compliance related to the technology and applications She follows various updates to chemical regulations such as REACH, BPR and Medical Device Regulations (MDR, 2017/745) and oversees the implementation of international regulatory requirements of new and existing products. And is a qualified European Registered Toxicologist (ERT).

Panel 2: Supply chain challenges for the global chemical industry

Panelists



Alastair Gardner

export specialist –
chemicals export and
investment team,
Department for
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Ian Cranshaw

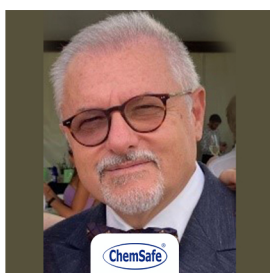
head of international
trade and regions,
Chemical Industries
Association (CIA).



Pierre Germain

technical and regulatory affairs manager at the European Association of Chemical Distributors (Fecce).

Pierre holds a PhD in Chemistry from UCLouvain. He started his career as an assistant at the UCLouvain, then joined Dow Corning in 1988 where he occupied various positions in R&D and as a process engineer in Belgium and the USA. In 2002 he joined Dequachim, a Chemical SME active in aluminum chemistry, as general manager. In 2007 he joined the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), where his main position was as the secretary general of CES – Silicone Europe Council. After having worked for ReachCentrum for two years where he was active in managing ReconSile Silicones REACH consortium and Titanium Dioxide REACH industry consortium (TDIC). He joined the European Association of Chemical Distributors (Fecce) in April 2023.



Dr. Antonio Conto

founder of Chemsafe

Antonio is the founder of Chemsafe, a European regulatory affairs company established in 2001 with a strong regulatory and toxicology background. Antonio has more than 30 years of post-graduate experience, mainly in the fields of risk assessment and regulatory toxicology for chemical, pharmaceutical, medical devices and food companies. Nowadays, his role is mainly focused on managing Chemsafe and reviewing toxicology/safety expert reports.

Prior to founding Chemsafe, Antonio worked as study director and head of C&L Unit in RBM SpA (now Merck-Serono), an international CRO. Antonio is a member of the Chemical Hazard Communication Society (CHCS), Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC Europe), American Chemical Society (ACS), Italian Society of Toxicology (SITOX) and the US Society of Toxicology (SOT) among others.