Programme

14th BfR User Conference on Product Notifications

15 November 2023, Berlin

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German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

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The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the appointed body for the receipt of product notifications according to Article 45 and Annex VIII of the European Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP) as well as of § 10 of the national Detergent and Cleaning Agents Act (Wasch- und Reinigungsmittelgesetz). The product data received is subject to expert validations by the BfR. Eventually the information is provided to the seven German poisons centres to be used in the event of emergency health response.

Most of the notifications for products classified as hazardous to human health or due to their physical properties are submitted in the Poison Centres Notification Format (PCN format). Since 1 January 2021, using the format has been mandatory on the European level for products with a private or professional use.

The BfR User Conference addresses to actors involved in the notification process or those ones using the information as

- legal submitters (industry),
- national and regional authorities and
- poisons centres

in Europe and especially Germany.

The 14th BfR User Conference 2023 is going to focus on the challenges regarding the preparation and transmission of the notification dossiers. We are going to depict and discuss commonly occurring problems by reference to real life examples. Enquiries, which often come in via the BfR's Helpdesk for Product Notifications, are going to be presented as well.

In advance to the conference you will have the opportunity to suggest topics for discussion.
Please send your suggestions to produkt-meldungen@bfr.bund.de.

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Wednesday, 15 November 2023 Moderation: Kathrin Begemann, BfR, Berlin	
10:10–10:15 am	**Welcome** Professor Dr. Matthias Greiner, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin
10:15–10:40 am	**Current experiences of the BfR with product notifications for emergency medical advice – an introduction** Kathrin Begemann, BfR, Berlin
10:40–11:40 am	**FAQs to Product Notifications** Esther Feistkorn, Dr. Ronald Keipert, Dr. Sebastian Pfeifer, BfR, Berlin
11:40 am–12:40 pm	Lunch break
12:40–13:30 pm	**Best Practices for PCN notifications according to the Poison Centres Best practice examples and UFI irregularities** François Wuyts, Centre Antipoisons, Bruxelles, Belgium
13:30–14:10 pm	**Product Notifications from a Poisons Centre's Perspective** Dr. Rafael Wagner, Giftinformationszentrum Nord, Göttingen
14:10–14:40 pm	Coffee Break
14:40–15:10 pm	**Cooperation ECHA – BfR using the example of a statistical evaluation of product notifications to improve risk management** Kathrin Begemann, BfR, Berlin
15:10–15:40 pm	**The correct use of Interchangeable Component Groups (ICG) from the experience of a software manufacturer** Philip Stefl, GeSi Software GmbH, Würzburg
15:40–16:00 pm	**Conclusions and closing remarks** Kathrin Begemann, BfR, Berlin

Organizational information

Venue

German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
Lecture theatre
Diedersdorfer Weg 1
12277 Berlin (Marienfelde)

Directions
Destination stop (www.bahn.de, www.bvg.de):
“Nahmitzer Damm/Marienfelder Allee (Berlin)”

Registration

Registration fee: 0 €
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Further notes
Hybrid event
On-site attendance or online (zoom)

Simultaneous translation provided

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