

All you ever wanted to know about REACH... but were afraid to ask.

EurActiv presents a Special Week on the EU's chemical legislation package.

One of the most controversial pieces of EU legislation in recent years will be voted on in the environment committee of the European Parliament on 10 October 2006.

When the REACH package on the registration and testing of chemicals went through its first reading in Parliament last year it attracted unprecedented interest from consumer groups, the chemical industry and downstream users.

The second crucial reading is set to concentrate on key issues such as the substitution of dangerous chemicals with less harmful ones; the health debate and consumer confidence. The final plenary vote is expected in November, but much is likely to be decided in the October vote.

Beginning on 2 October, EurActiv will run a Special Week of REACH coverage. The main components will be:

- Recapping the history of REACH ;
- an interview with the EP rapporteur on REACH, Guido Sacconi;
- consumer confidence in chemicals;
- the impact of REACH on SME's;
- intellectual property right issues, and;
- health and safety issues.

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