

## **Metals and Inorganics Sectoral Approach**

## **Background**

The Metals and Inorganics Sectoral Approach (MISA) agreement is in line with ECHA's Integrated Regulatory Strategy, and the cooperation will contribute to achieving the objectives set for 2020 by the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management.

**ECHA's Integrated Regulatory Strategy** aims to efficiently identify substances of potential concern and ensure appropriate intervention, providing confidence that registrants meet the REACH registration requirements and communicate on safe use in the supply chain.

The Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) aims to achieve the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle so that by 2020 chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimise significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health.

While MISA encourages a priority-based continuous improvement of chemicals management, it is not a substitute for compliance with legal REACH obligations and for related regulatory action. ECHA and Member States may continue to carry out or initiate regulatory actions when necessary, but the implementation of MISA should reduce or prevent the need for such regulatory action.

## Links:

- ECHA's Integrated Regulatory Strategy
- SAICM 2020 objectives