



Joint Statement

Metals and Inorganics Sectorial Approach (MISA)

A framework for cooperation between ECHA and the metals/inorganics sector

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Herewith, ECHA and Eurometaux agree on a cooperative programme that will further develop outstanding technical and scientific issues specifically for the metals and inorganic sector and concurrently further improve the registration dossiers in these sectors.

This Metals and Inorganics Sectorial approach (MISA) fits in with ECHA's Integrated Regulatory Strategy and the 2020 SAICM objectives. It aims – by the end of 2020 – at identifying outstanding REACH and CLP standard information endpoints, if any, as well as further information, supply chain communication or risk management needs, where relevant.

MISA is a voluntary programme that participating metals and inorganics consortia will endorse by signing a “Framework for Cooperation” which contains a MISA general rolling action plan, covering the period 2018-2020. MISA has as an aim to cover as many metal compounds and inorganics as possible.

Both ECHA and Eurometaux commit to engage the necessary resources to support the action plan that focused on two equally important parallel tracks:

- **Track 1:** a gradual and planned improvement of the compliance, quality and understanding of the metals/inorganics registration dossiers.
- **Track 2:** to resolve outstanding technical and methodological issues that will allow to improve the relevance of hazard, risk assessment and risk management of metals and inorganics.

More specifically, Eurometaux and ECHA undertake to engage industry sectors represented by Consortia and Downstream User groups as well as companies and initiate activities in line with the priorities listed in the general rolling plan. Both organisations commit to provide the frame for the review of the progress on the two tracks.

While MISA encourages a priority-based continuous improvement of chemicals management, it is not a substitute for the compliance with legal REACH obligations and for related regulatory action. ECHA and Member States may continue to or initiate regulatory actions when necessary. On the other hand, MISA should normally reduce or prevent the need for such regulatory action by the means of an increased availability of improved chemicals information and risk management handling, as well as by resolving outstanding technical issues.

ECHA and Eurometaux will also ensure an open and transparent communication on the goals, priorities and progress made with the MISA general programme. The general rolling action plan, with its updates and achievements will be published on the respective websites.

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