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## Manufacturing industries strengthen involvement in the implementation of REACH

The manufacturing industry grouping CheMi has gained seats in two key committees monitoring the implementation and the revision of REACH, the European chemical directive. The appointments are crucial in securing that the needs of downstream manufacturing industries are sufficiently taken into account.

Four years after the adaption of REACH (the European regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals), there is a need for some downstream users of chemicals to be better aware of deadlines, successful registration applications, adequate registration tools and common interpretation related to the regulation. This is because a good understanding of REACH is essential in ensuring the availability of chemicals. CheMi, the platform for downstream users of chemicals in manufacturing industries, has recently been given seats in two key transectoral committees overseeing the implementation and revision of REACH. The appointments are crucial in securing that the needs of downstream manufacturing industries are sufficiently taken into account in monitoring the implementation and the revision of the regulation.

The first appointment is to the *Directors' Contact Group* (DCG), where CheMi will be represented by Paul Verspoor, a technical expert active in printing, packaging and adhesive applications, as well as representative of importers in the REACH process. DCG was set up in 2010 to monitor the progress and resolve issues in meeting obligations relevant to the registration of chemical substances. One of its main focuses is to ensure a secured supply of substances to downstream users. Since its establishment, the Group has found solutions to 28 pressing issues for the industry related to the first REACH registration deadline of 30 November 2010.

The second appointment is to the *Sherpa Group*, which assists the DCG in proposing best adequate solutions. CheMi will be represented by Lorenzo Zullo from the European rubber industry lobby ETRMA.

In addition to these two committees, CheMi has also been represented in *CARACAL*, the high-level expert group of member states, since 2006 via a seat attributed to Adil El Massi from EURATEX, the textile sector umbrella group. The Group advises the European Commission and the REACH Agency ECHA on questions related to the implementation and revision of the legislation and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) of chemicals.

CheMi works as a channel for the downstream users to voice their concerns, and aims at contributing to the successful implementation of REACH. CheMi was established in 2003. Its members are umbrella groups representing a variety of industries: [AFERA](#) (self-adhesive tapes), [CEI-Bois](#) (woodworking), [CERAME UNIE](#) (ceramics), [CITPA](#) (paper & board converting), [COTANCE](#) (leather), [ECMA](#) (carton makers), [EDANA](#) (nonwovens industry), [EMPAC](#) (light metal packaging), [ETRMA](#) (rubber/tyres), [EURATEX](#) (textiles & clothing), [FPE](#) (flexible packaging), [FINAT](#) (self-adhesive tapes), [INTERGRAF](#) (printing), [TIE](#) (toys) and [UEA](#) (furniture).

| Industry Sector          | Association representing the sector | Turnover in million € | Number of companies | Employment level |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Self-adhesive tapes      | AFERA                               | 2,500.00              | 110                 | na               |
| Woodworking              | CEI-Bois                            | 154,000.00            | 42000               | 1900000          |
| Ceramics                 | CERAMEUNIE                          | 27,000.00             | 2000                | 230000           |
| Paper & Board Converting | CITPA                               | na                    | 5000                | 380000           |
| Leather                  | COTANCE                             | 8,051.24              | 3043                | 56384            |
| Carton Makers            | ECMA                                | 8,221.00              | na                  | na               |
| Nonwovens industry       | EDANA                               | na                    | na                  | na               |
| Light Metal Packaging    | EMPAC                               | 7,000.00              | 265                 | 40300            |
| Rubber/Tyres             | ETRMA                               | 50,000.00             | 4200                | 360000           |
| Textile & Clothing       | EURATEX                             | 192,000.00            | 114000              | 2100000          |
| Flexible Packaging       | F'PE                                | 9,500.00              | 400                 | 43,000           |
| Self-adhesive labels     | FINAT                               | 6,500.00              | 2500                | 50000            |
| Printing                 | INTERGRAF                           | 106,775.60            | 134814              | 850449           |
| Toys                     | TIE                                 | 5,000.00              | 2000                | 100000           |
| Furniture                | UEA                                 | 82,200.00             | 88800               | 925000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             |                                     | <b>658,747.84</b>     | <b>399132</b>       | <b>7,035,133</b> |

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