

Conference Programme:

How to eliminate hazardous chemicals from consumer articles?

Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)



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Rue Maerlant 2, VAN MAERLANT BUILDING, Room VM3

Brussels, Belgium

08:45 – 09:15 *Registration of participants*

09:15 – 09:30 *Introduction and Welcome by Benedicte Federspiel (ANEC, BEUC and EESC member)*

Facilitator: *Laura Degallaix, ANEC*

09:30 – 10:15 *Chemicals in consumer products: The need for an enhanced European legislative framework*

Keynote speech: Presentation of the ASI-CC Study 'Chemical Requirements for Consumer Products' and of the ANEC position on chemicals	Franz Fiala	Consumer Council, Austrian Standards Institute and Chair of the ANEC Environment Working Group
Questions & Answers and general discussion		

10:15 – 13:00 *Examples of legislation on chemicals in articles - State of the play*

REACH	Cristina de Avila	DG Environment
General Product Safety Directive	Jürgen Vogelgesang	DG Health and Consumer Protection
Toy Safety Directive	Bärbel Vieth	German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment
Construction Products Regulation	Manfred Fuchs	DG Enterprise
ROHS Directive	Stéphanie Zangl	Öko-Institut

Panel discussion 1: Is the product sector sufficiently regulated to protect consumers from dangerous chemicals?

14:30 – 17:00 *Chemicals in products - Experiences and approaches*

Jan Hammar	KEMI, Sweden
Shima Dobel	Danish EPA
Axel Singhofen	Greens/EFA, European Parliament
Sylvia Maurer	BEUC
Łukasz Woźniacki	EEB/BEUC Ecolabel Coordinator
Katarina Maaskant	IKEA

Panel discussion 2: How to move forward to protect consumers and the environment from hazardous chemicals in articles?

17:00 *Conclusions by Monique Goyens (BEUC)*