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HARMONISATION OF CHEMICALS REGULATIONS WITH THE EU IN NON-EU COUNTRIES

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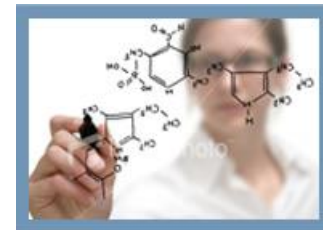


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- Chemicals Control in Serbia;
- Law on Chemicals;
- Challenges;
- Technical Assistance;
- Accession Negotiations.



Chemicals Control in Serbia



A bit of history...

New Chemicals Policy established (2008 – 2009)

Objectives:

- *to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment,*
- *to enhance trade and competitiveness of industry*
- *to enhance innovation.*

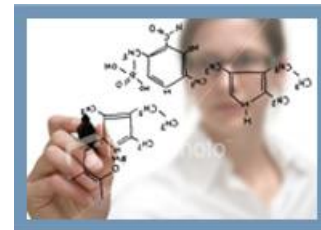
Main instrument:

Law on Chemicals (OG of RS, No 36/09, 88/10, 92/11, 93/12 and 25/15).

Strategic documents:
National Chemicals Profile;
National Strategy on Sustainable Development;
National Program for the Approximation of the EU *Acquis*.



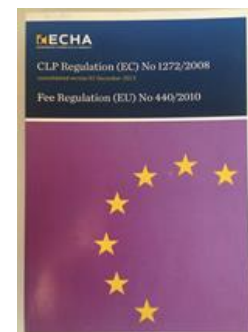
Law on Chemicals 1/3



Overall strategic goal

- Accession to the EU

Main legal instruments in the EU:
REACH & CLP.



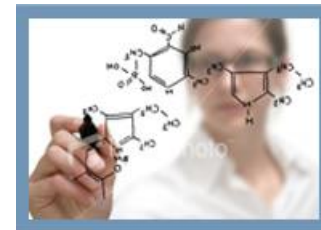
BUT HOW?



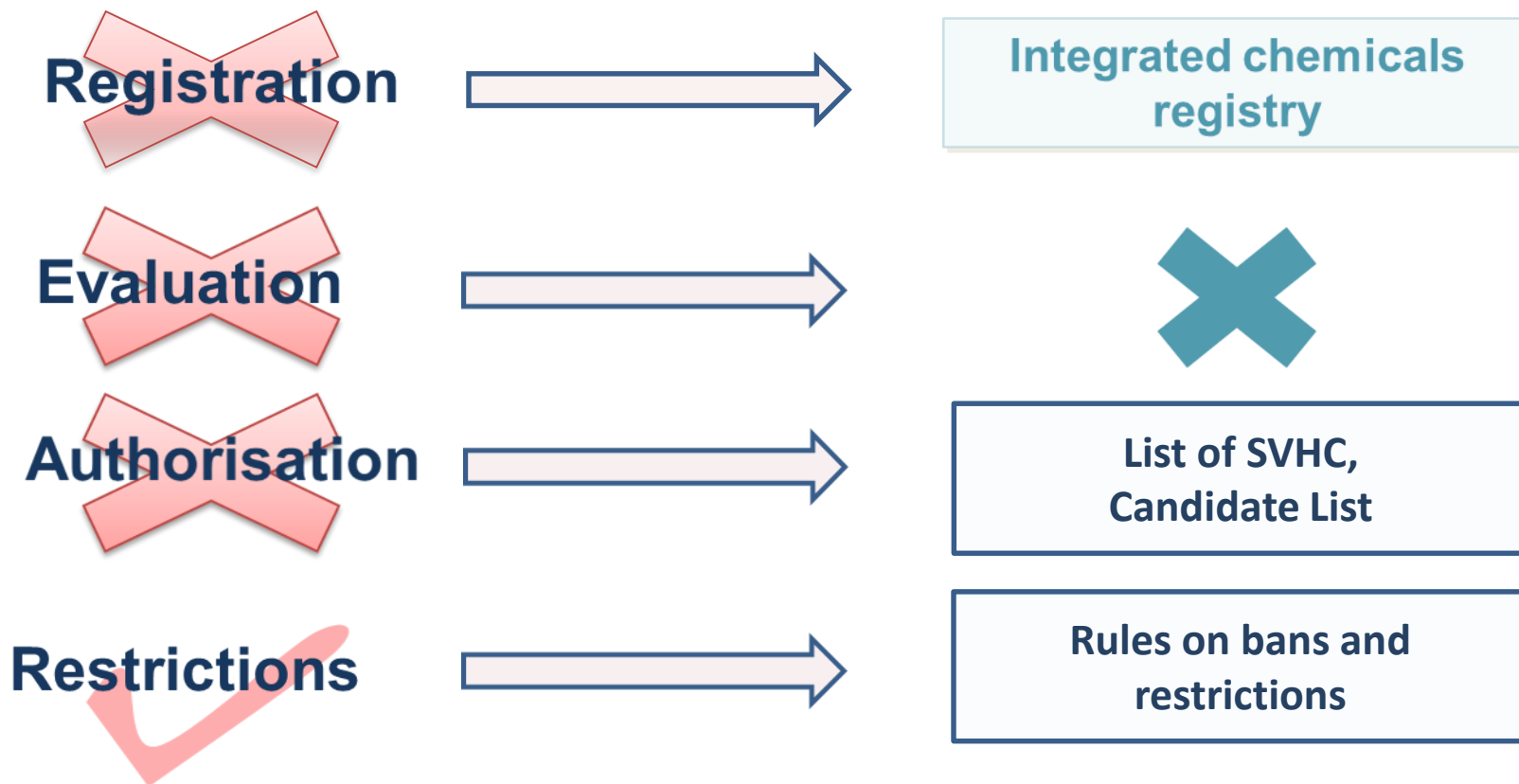
The Law on Chemicals is partially harmonized with the requirements of REACH & CLP.



Law on Chemicals 2/3



Approximation of REACH provisions





Law on Chemicals 3/3



Approximation of CLP provisions

 CLASSIFICATION
CRITERIA



Rules on CLP

 LABELING,
PACKAGING

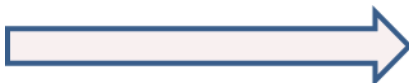


 HC&L ANNEX VI



List of Substances with
harmonized C&L

 C&L
NOTIFICATION



 PC, ANNEX VIII



Ministry to provide data to NPC



Challenges

REACH & CLP are *regulations*, thus directly applicable, designed for the EU single market, supported by ECHA...

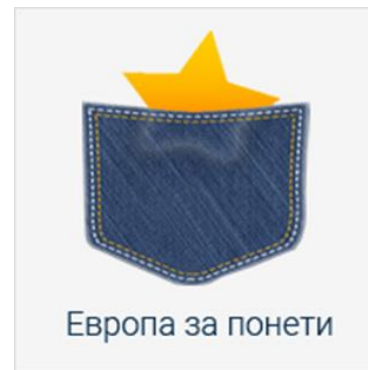
- Main challenge in developing national harmonized legislation:
 - Identifying and making decision which requirements are feasible vs non feasible to be implemented in a single country.
- Main challenges in implementation of national legislation
 - Political support;
 - Resources, financial and human;
 - Lack of supporting tools (NO access to ECHA tools);
 - Economic operators (industry) capacity development (SMEs & micro);
 - Access to knowledge / Lack of (good quality) consultancy service;
 - Enforcement...



Technical Assistance

Serbia has been provided with technical assistance by:

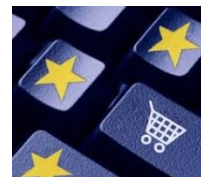
- Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and Kemi via the bilateral project;
- EU via IPA 2008 and IPA 2013 - three projects implemented as Twinning Contracts;
- ECHA, via the IPA project supporting candidate and potential candidate countries;
- Observer status:
 - EC Competent Authorities for REACH & CLP Meetings (CARACAL),
ECHA HelpNet & Forum.





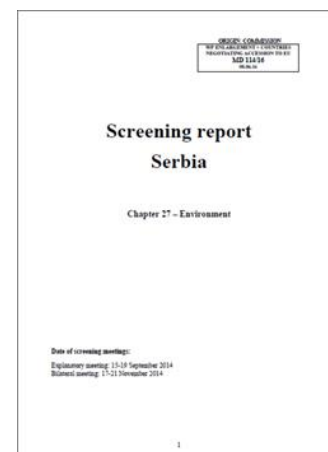
Accession negotiations – Chemicals Subsector

- **Chapter 1** *Free Movement of Goods*
- (REACH, CLP, Reg on detergents);
- **Chapter 27** – *Environment & Climate Change* (REACH & CLP).



“Serbia can be considered sufficiently prepared for negotiations on this chapter. Therefore, the Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations with Serbia on Chapter 27 Environment.”

- REACH →→ Substance registration
- CLP →→ Poison Center





Thank you for your attention

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