

## Metals and Inorganics Sectorial Approach (MISA)

### Framework for Cooperation

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Undersigned parties of the metal and inorganic industry sectors, Eurometaux and ECHA (the European Chemicals Agency) agree on a cooperative programme called “**the Metals and Inorganics Sectorial Approach**” (further referred to below as **MISA**).

MISA aims at:

- (1) assessing and improving the overall compliance and quality of the REACH registration dossiers in the metal and inorganic sectors and as such improve the basis for chemicals management and
- (2) progressing and resolving some priority outstanding technical and methodological issues related to metals and inorganics.

This MISA approach fits in with ECHA’s Integrated Regulatory Strategy and the 2020 SAICM objectives. It builds on the principle of continuous improvement and 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 built on a voluntary approach which ECHA, Eurometaux and the metal and inorganic industry sectors represented by Consortia and Downstream User groups, as well as companies. They endorse by signing this MISA framework, accompanied by a rolling action plan (enclosed as Annex 1), covering the period 2018-2020 (included).

This action plan focuses 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.

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 information on the chemicals and their risk management, as well as by resolving outstanding technical issues.

We, the undersigned:

- Acknowledge the importance of accurate, complete and clear information on the hazards, exposures, risks and conditions of safe use of metals and inorganics during manufacturing and along the supply chain
- Participating Consortia agree and commit to assess and further improve the level of information related to chemicals management in the registration dossiers of metals and inorganics in a priority-based and planned way (Track 1)
- ECHA undertakes to provide feedback on questions that may arise during thematic workshops. The workshops are open to the participation of ECHA and interested Member States/Commission representatives
- All signatories undertake to further address outstanding methodological issues relevant to the metal and inorganic sectors in a priority-based and planned way (Track 2) and thereby improve the consistency and efficiency of possible regulatory follow-up information needs and actions

We agree with the four general steps of the MISA programme, namely:

1. The sectorial results of the Baseline Report which were gathered prior to the signature of this framework are a starting point for activities under MISA. They will act as a reflection tool and help to define the needs for improvement.
2. Defining common priorities for chemicals management progress on Track 1 and Track 2, in a transparent way. These priorities are reported in the rolling action plan annexed to this framework. The MISA rolling plan will be commonly reviewed and updated on a regular basis (once or twice a year).
3. The need to regularly monitor and report on progress in a sectorial fashion, including recommendations for further review of priorities/actions.
4. Where individual Consortia -via MISA- identify the need to improve the quality of their REACH registration dossiers, they shall integrate the planning and progress made with these actions in Consortia (MISA) workplans with the appropriate priority. This could include testing or information gathering proposals when needed.

We agree to an open communication on the goals, priorities and progress made with the MISA general programme:

- and will publish the MISA rolling action plan and updates on an annual basis,
- while Consortia will share for the substances in their portfolio, their Consortia specific MISA workplans on a regular (at least once a year) and bilateral basis with ECHA to demonstrate planning and progress made. A thematic workshop outcome can trigger a Consortia MISA workplan update, when relevant to the Consortium.

We welcome a review of the MISA programme by the Member States in respect to defining priorities and the overall progress that has been made.

We agree to contribute to achieving the aims of the sectorial approach, by investing the resources required to carry out the agreed actions.

The first rolling action plan is enclosed with this framework. It will be reviewed on an annual basis in full consultation with the signatories and communicated to the Member States for appraisal.

Organisations that endorse this framework (to publish)

**Organisation**

**Signed by**

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Consortia/Commodities:

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