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The European Defence Agency's study on the impact of REACH and CLP European regulations on the Defence Sector

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Abstract:

In May 2016, the European Defence Agency (EDA) launched a study with following objectives: 1) Impact analysis of REACH and CLP on EU defence sector, both industry and governments; 2) Practical proposals on improvements for REACH and CLP and their current implementation regime; and 3) Synthesis of information on impacts of other chemical regulations on EU Member States MoDs and the defence sector.

Through the study, EDA intended to serve two principle goals; high level of health and environmental protection and ensuring the operational effectiveness of Member States Armed Forces, including through enhancing the competitiveness and innovation of the European Defence Technology and Industrial Base (EDTIB).

During the study consultation, input from a wide range of stakeholders was gathered from over 100 organisations in 20 EU Member States and the United States. Key stakeholders consulted included EU Member States' MODs, the EC (DG GROW and DG ENV), ECHA, Member States' Competent Authorities on REACH and CLP, and defence industry. The Study final report describes the European Defence sector within REACH, while analysing the general, as well as specific, impacts of REACH and CLP to EU MoDs and defence industry. The report identified in total 21 impact assessment findings, resulting in 26 improvement proposals, 14 of which related to the EC REACH Review 2017, while the remainder are addressed to defence sector stakeholders.

The report was concluded in December 2016 and was submitted by EDA to the Commission and ECHA as input to the 2017 REACH review. This presentation aims to summarise the key findings and improvement proposals of the final study report.