

## USEFUL LINKS

### CHEMICAL RESOURCES

[EU Chemicals policy - REACH](#)

[European Chemical Industry Council \(CEFIC\)](#) - the forum and the voice of the European chemical industry.

[European Chemicals Bureau \(ECB\)](#) - is the focal point for data and the assessment procedure on dangerous chemicals.

[UK Chemical Website](#) – part of [UK Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs \(DEFRA\)](#) chemicals pages provide a source of information on what the UK Government is doing to protect the environment - and, consequently, human health - from the risks posed by exposure to hazardous chemicals. At the same time, the UK Government aims to maximise the important socio-economic benefits that we rely on chemicals for.

[UK Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#) - are responsible for the regulation of almost all the risks to health and safety arising from work activity in Britain. The HSE has also been nominated as the regulatory body responsible for enforcing REACH.

[UK Pesticide Safety Directorate \(PSD\)](#) - is an executive agency of [DEFRA](#). They ensure that pesticides in the UK are safe for users, consumers and the environment.

[Swedish Chemicals Inspectorate \(KEMI\)](#) The Swedish Chemicals Inspectorate's task is to act as a guide to a non-toxic environment, one of Sweden's national environmental objectives.

[Bromine Science and Environmental Forum \(BSEF\)](#) – Set up to commission science on Brominated Flame Retardants (BRFs) and bromine and to represent the bromine industry on issues of environment and human health.

### CHEMICAL CONVENTIONS

[Stockholm Convention](#) - a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

[The Rotterdam Convention](#) - is a multilateral environmental agreement designed to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals.

[OSPAR Convention](#) - The 1992 Convention is the current instrument guiding international cooperation on the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic. It combined and up-dated the 1972 Oslo Convention on dumping waste at sea and the 1974 Paris Convention on land-based sources of marine pollution.