

## Statement from the Chemicals Agency of the Republic of Serbia

**Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is my privilege and honor to address all the participants of this Meeting, in the name and on behalf of the Chemicals Agency of the Republic of Serbia. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the organizers for the invitation to this Meeting, and for the opportunity to exchange all the relevant experiences in the area of International Chemical Leasing with distinguished colleagues and participants to this Meeting.

In the Republic of Serbia the importance of the International Chemical Leasing was recognized and respectfully the initiatives to promote the International Chemical Leasing were commenced.

Serbian Chemicals Agency, as independent, developing, professional and regulatory body performing public competences in compliance with the Serbian Law on chemicals, in order to ensure administrative conditions for quality, efficient and sound chemicals and biocidal products management, has a significant role in the process of inclusion of this concept at the national level. Taking into account the competencies of the Serbian Chemicals Agency, we became aware of the close relation between the International Chemical Leasing and provisions of REACH (Regulation (EC) 1907/2006), on the one hand; and between the International Chemical Leasing and principles set out in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) on the other hand.

Due to the ongoing process of the accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union, parts of the REACH Regulation, adequate for transposition, were transposed into the relevant national legislation. Among the other aspects, REACH provides for transparent communication on information in the supply chain and gives more responsibility to industry to manage the risks of chemicals. These requirements are synergetic to the core of Chemical Leasing principles, in which sense, Chemical Leasing makes use of the REACH demands and turns them into the economic advantages.

In addition, while performing the activities from its competence, Serbian Chemicals Agency is acting in accordance with the SAICM objectives. In that sense, it is of the high importance that the Chemical Leasing as such will provide practical solutions to achieving those objectives, in order to promote sustainable chemical management.

Thank you very much for your attention, I wish you success in your future work.

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