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Introduction to ClientEarth

- ClientEarth is a non-profit environmental law organisation

- We use the power of law to tackle key environmental challenges, including chemical pollution

- We work on climate change, energy, environmental justice, biodiversity, forests and human health
Duty to regulate endocrine disruptors

• Health and environment issue: **preventive action** needed urgently

• Duty to act:
  • Treaty on the functioning of the EU
  • 7th Environment Action Programme (2013)
  • Council Conclusions (2016)
EU chemical legislation

Two steps approach:

1. **Identification** of the problem: the dangerous intrinsic properties of a chemical

2. **Management** of the problem: decision whether to take a risk on behalf of citizens and the environment
Classification, Labelling & Packaging Regulation

HARMONISED CLASSIFICATION « Carcinogen 1B »

- REACH
  - SVHC? Authorisation? Restriction?
- Pesticides
  - NO APPROVAL (derogations)
- Biocides
  - NO APPROVAL (derogations)
- Medical devices
  - RESTRICTED (derogations)
- Cosmetics
  - PROHIBITED (derogations)
- Toys
  - PROHIBITED (derogations)
Endocrine disruptor as « substance of very high concern »

Medical devices
- RESTRICTED (derogations)

Biocides
- Endocrine disruptor

Pesticides
- Endocrine disruptor

Cosmetics
- NO APPROVAL (derogations)

Toys
- NO APPROVAL (derogations)
Endocrine disruptors: regulatory needs

1. Identification of endocrine disruptors: need for harmonised and horizontal approach

2. Management of the problem: need to fill the wide and numerous gaps
Deliverables

7th Environment Action Programme

• By the end of 2018:
  - Non-toxic environment strategy to ensure in particular the minimisation of exposure to endocrine disruptors

• By 2020:
  - Harmonised hazard-based criteria to identify endocrine disruptors
  - All substances with endocrine-disrupting properties are placed on the REACH candidate list
Thank you

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