

## Understanding petroleum substances from a regulatory perspective

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#### **Outline**

- ▶ Petroleum Substances (PS) challenges for regulatory treatment
- Concawe approach for REACH Registration
- ► Challenges of REACH Evaluation 2012-2016
- Concawe REACH strategy & plan for 2015-2019



# Petroleum substances – challenges for regulatory treatment





#### **Issue 1: Complexity**

#### PS are UVCBs.

The number of individual chemical compounds increases rapidly with carbon number.

For complex PS with thousands of constituents, none exceeds a threshold triggering classification.

The predominant compounds are described by carbon number / boiling point and hydrocarbon type.

Carbon number / boiling point ranges are influenced by fractionation.

Hydrocarbon types are influenced by chemical processing.

To correctly and practically consider the hazards, testing is conducted on the substances as manufactured, not the individual constituents.

C number	Boiling point °C (n-alkanes)	Number of isomers (alkanes only!)
3	-42	1
4	-1	2
5	36	3
6	69	5
7	98	Gasoline 9
8	126	& naphthas 18
10	174	75
15	269	4 347
20	343	-Gas oils
25	402	-Heavy36 777 419
30	450	products 4 108 221 447
35	490	493 054 243 760
40	525	62 353 826 654 563



#### **Issue 2: Variability**

#### Stream composition varies continuously over time due to several factors

- Feed quality
- Processing severity
- Separation temperatures, sharpness
- Catalyst / equipment deterioration
- Maintenance cycles

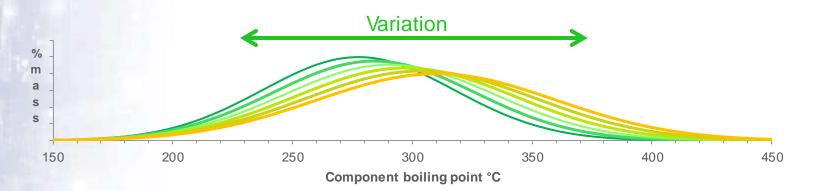






#### **Example**

Illustration of effect of varying imperfect fractionation





### Concawe approach to REACH registration

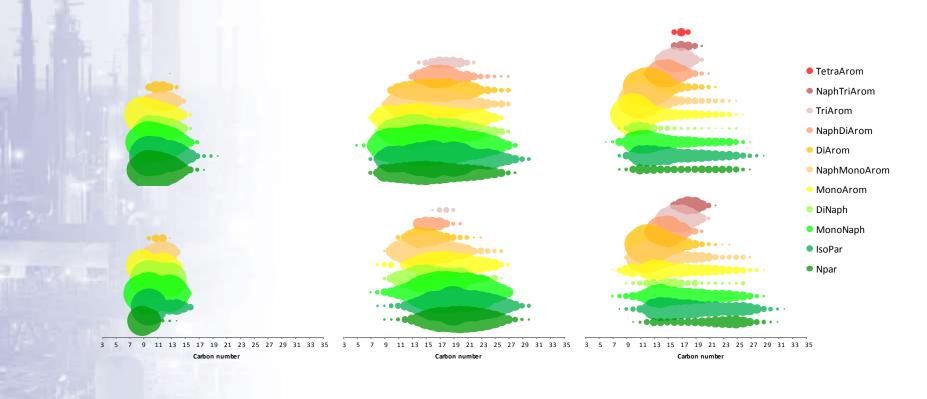




#### **Goal: Avoid underestimating hazards**

Duty on registrants: assign endpoint values & hazard classification to each substance, avoid underestimating hazards & minimize unnecessary testing. Challenge: large number of substances with similar compositions that are variable and overlap.

6 example compositions by carbon number / hydrocarbon class

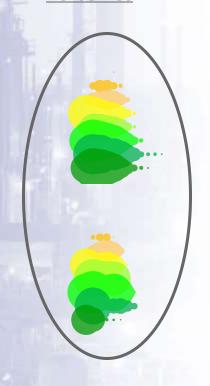


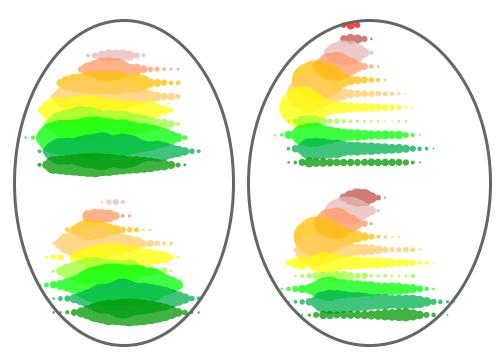


#### **Category approach**

- 1. Group substances of similar composition based on process history & carbon number / boiling point range
- 2. Per endpoint, identify value or hazard driver(s)
- 3. Fill in data gaps by read-across from worst case (health) or model (env)

Kerosines







## Challenges of REACH Evaluation 2012-2016





#### **Evaluation issues**

Formal process: ECHA Evaluating our dossiers:

Draft (DD) & Final Decisions (FD) received:

- ▶ Requirement to change to Extended One Generation Reprotoxicity Studies: Comitology has now formally adopted EOGRTS. (DD)
- ▶ Challenge to Concawe category approach & substance ID. (D&FD)
- Challenge to our environmental tox. Models (PETROTOX, PETRORISK).
   (FD)
- ▶ Issues raised in dialogue
  - Substance identity / compositional data
  - ▶ Hazard assessment / category approach to read-across
  - ▶ PBT assessment
  - Classification & Labelling
  - Potential exposure / use



#### **Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)**

#### The EU COM SVHC Roadmap (assessment from 2016):

#### Select substances for assessment based on:

- 1. High volumes in wide dispersive uses, specifically targeting the non-fuel, non-intermediate uses of Petroleum Substances (PS):

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- 2. Properties, specifically:
  - ▶ CMR (Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or toxic for Reproduction).
  - ▶ PBT (Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic) in the Environment.
  - ▶ EDR (Endocrine Disruptive);

#### **Concawe strategy:**

- 1. Minimise the number of PS that are added to the SVHC list.
  - In Concawe CSA's, Fuels is the only consumer use for PS that is classified as carcinogenic.
- 2. Demonstrate that current RMMs\* are effective for 200 registered PS.
  - ▶ 25% 50 PS are "unconditional" CMRs
  - ▶ 60% 120 PS are "conditional" CMRs

Only non-CMR substances are supported for non-fuel consumer uses

\*Risk Management Measures



## Concawe REACH strategy and plan 2015-2019





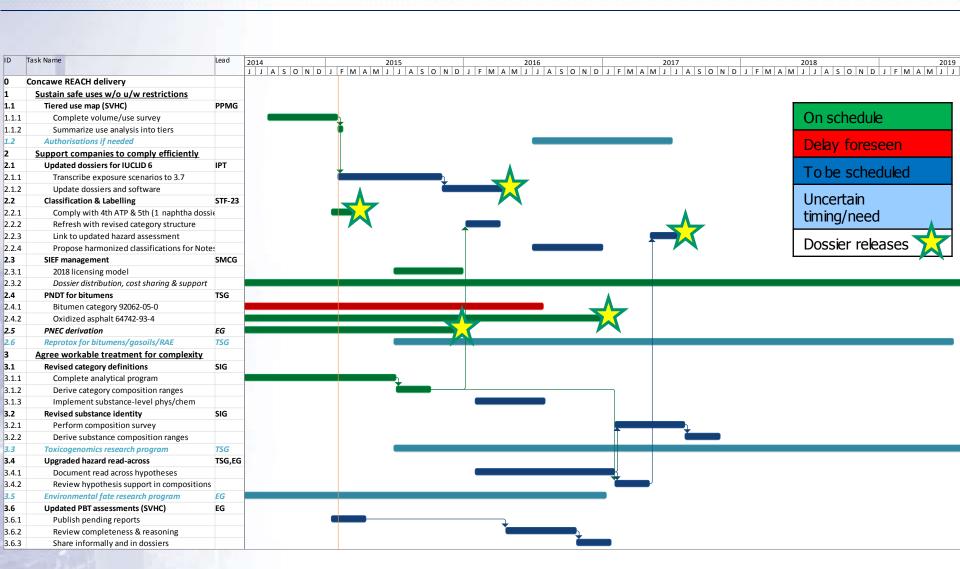
#### **REACH Goals**

#### Concawe's key goals for REACH are to:

- 1. Sustain the safe use of Petroleum Substances (PS) with no unwarranted restrictions.
- 2. Support Member Companies (MCs) to comply with REACH & CLP in the most efficient way, and in so doing, consider total cost for MCs, not just Concawe cost.
- 3. Achieve a workable approach that takes into account the complexity of PS UVCBs.



#### **REACH 2015-19 workplan**





#### We need company support!

Co-operative approach of Concawe acknowledged by authorities but Concawe leadership relies on practical support of companies to achieve shared goals.

#### Concawe projects

- Contribute to surveys on use, composition, properties etc.
- Provide samples when requested

#### **Dossier updates**

- Follow SIEF Newsletter
- Obtain latest dossier, don't change common parts
  - including C&L, SDS to be aligned
- Maintain company-specific parts (including appropriate substance ID)
- Submit updates on time (especially LR's)



### Thank you

