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Action Requested: For information

1. Introduction

The second REACH review was published on 5 March 2018 ¹.

Strengthening the enforcement of the obligations on all actors, including registrants, downstream users and in particular for importers, is necessary to ensure a level playing field, meet the objectives of REACH and ensure consistency.

Action 13 of the last REACH review requests to enhance enforcement by:

(1) The Commission will consider by first quarter 2019 further measures (such as recommendations, guidance documents, training and pilot projects), under the relevant legislative instrument, to clarify and enhance the role of REACH enforcement authorities as well as customs authorities in the enforcement of REACH.

As an additional action in this matter, the Commission intends to carry out a study to further analyse the integration of REACH into the customs procedures.

The main purpose of the contract will be to elaborate a set of options and tools to further support the integration of REACH provisions into Customs legislation/procedures. The feasibility of the various options will be evaluated.

2. Tasks foreseen

Five tasks are required to be performed in the contract and are summarised in the following table.

Task s	Name
1	Identify and review relevant information (e.g. REACH and customs legislation/ requirements, enforcement projects carried out, ways of cooperation among REACH and customs authorities)
2	Identification of REACH provisions and activities. Identify the ones that may be integrated in customs.
3	Develop procedures for each topic identified in task 2 and draft interlinks. Classify and select clusters of activities. Develop summary factsheets.
4	Discuss the preliminary results in an ad-hoc Workshop
5	Elaboration of the final report

Table 1. Summary of the tasks of the contract

3. Expected timeline

The call for tender will be launched before summer and the contract is expected to start by the end of this year. The length of the contract shall be 16 months.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/reach/review_en